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Dear Chairs Hansen, Ingebrigtsen and members of the LCCMR:

I write you today requesting that you approve the MPCA's workplan for the Pig's Eye Landfill Superfund site. This workplan is exactly what we need to kick off the important work before all of us in remediating and restoring this important East Metro Superfund site.

The taskforce represents a unique opportunity to coordinate efforts to address perfluoroalkyl and PFAS contamination of Battle Creek, Pig's Eye Lake, and nearby groundwater. As you are well-aware, there are complex challenges in addressing this site and Ramsey County looks forward to collaborating and coordinating with our partners on this Task Force. I firmly believe that by working together we will see better outcomes for the environment, for public health, for wildlife, and most importantly, for our residents. The workplan is the beginning of this work.

As a Ramsey County commissioner, I am especially pleased about the opportunity this effort brings to ensure that the remediation and restoration of the landfill can be coordinated with Ramsey County's existing efforts to do environmental restoration in Pig's Eye Lake. Ramsey County has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a project that will improve aquatic habitat, improve the quantity and quality of habitat for migratory birds, and maintain and enhance the quality of shoreline habitat. Construction on this project begins this summer and the opportunity to link this effort with the work of the task force is greatly appreciated. Both projects will go a long way towards revitalizing this area as a refuge for both our residents and our wildlife. Again, the proposed workplan kickstarts this important coordination.

Thank you for your consideration of this integral work plan as well as your work and time on the LCCMR.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner, District 7

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