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Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)  
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Dear Co-Chairs Gibson, Hansen, and Ingebrigtsen

I am writing to you as Members of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources in support of efforts to clean-up and restoration Pig's Eye Lake and the work plan currently under consideration by the LCCMR. I fully support Workplan for 2022-304 (Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force).

Pig's Eye Lake is located within Ward 7 and is in close proximity to neighborhoods with a greater concentration of poverty and a larger proportion of BIPOC population than the larger community. Because Pig's Eye Lake and the surrounding wetlands and flood plain forests have been used as an area for dumping and landfill from the 1920s until the 1970s and designated as a Superfund site in 1989; we believe this represents a serious environmental justice issue that has impacted and continues to impact our neighborhood. This area is important for many reasons: it is located within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area National Park, it is adjacent to Dakota homeland and sacred sites, and is one of the major North American flyways for migratory species.

And finally, climate change will likely cause increased flooding, causing dispersal of dangerous pollutants, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as "forever chemicals" into the Mississippi River and impacting downstream communities and their drinking water.

For these reasons, I fully support state efforts to clean up Pig's Eye Lake and the surrounding area and I urge you to approve the work plan from MPCA to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

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