



February 23, 2022

Representative Mike Freiberg
Chair, House Preventative Health Policy Committee
381 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

Re: House File 1806 – Minnesota Private Residential Well Testing and Remediation Act

Chair Freiberg and Members of the Preventative Health Policy Committee,

On behalf of Minnesota Water Quality Association's 80 plus water treatment professional members, we are writing to express our support for House File 1806, a bill to establish a new voluntary effort that will help Minnesotans dependent on private well water ensure their water is clean from dangerous contaminants and safe to drink.

Clean drinking water is essential to public health. About 1.2 million Minnesotans – roughly 20% of the state's population – access drinking water through private wells, according to the Minnesota Department of Health. Contaminants in drinking water are a growing concern in Minnesota. This bill empowers Minnesotans on private wells to know that their drinking water is clean and when necessary, treated to remediate any harmful contaminants.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our position on this legislation and on this important public health issue. We look forward to working with you on this solution to make sure all Minnesotans, no matter their zip code, can access clean drinking water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Hill".

Jeffrey Hill
Chairman, Legislative Affairs Committee
Minnesota Water Quality Association