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Minnesota House of Representatives

December 7, 2021

The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor, State of Minnesota
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Saint Paul, MN, 55155

Sent via electronic mail.

Dear Governor Walz,

As legislators from Minnesota's third largest and rapidly growing Dakota County, we are writing to request that you to use a portion of the over \$7.7 billion surplus to repay the Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust (MLCAT). From 2004 to 2015, \$22.005 million from the MLCAT Account was borrowed from the MLCAT. To date, \$13.905 million of this has not been paid back.

The purpose of the Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust (MLCAT) was created to ensure that a stable source of funding is available metropolitan mixed municipal solid waste disposal facilities including the long-term care of sites that had previously been properly closed, including post closure care for two of the largest landfills in the state (Pine Bend and Burnsville).

The MLCAT Account is funded chiefly by revenue from a 25% share of a fee on mixed municipal solid waste buried at metro area landfills, amounting to \$0.50 per cubic yard of waste (\$6.66 per ton). These fees are currently being collected only from the two active MLCAT-eligible landfills: Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill in Inver Grove Heights and Burnsville Sanitary Landfill in Burnsville.

While we took a very, very small step forward this last session in starting to repay the fund by \$100,000 each year in the final Environment and Natural Resources Budget Bill, you can undoubtedly see that this year is an opportunity to repay the funds that were raided from MLCAT.

Repayment of the funds to MLCAT is of utmost importance to Dakota County to protect future generations from contamination from landfills. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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State Representative

Handwritten signature of Kaela Berg in black ink.

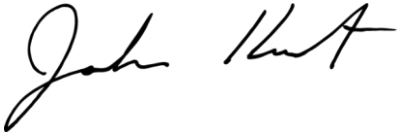
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