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## Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board

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### The Honorable Duane Quam (24A)

Minnesota House of Representatives  
State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

## RE: Support for House File 478 – Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District Board Structure

Dear Chair Quam and Members of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for **House File 478 (Skraba)**, which would allow the **Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District** to operate with a three-member board of managers. This legislation is a necessary step to ensure that the district can continue to function efficiently while addressing the unique needs of the community.

As you know, Crane Lake is a small but vital part of Minnesota, with a population and governance structure that makes it challenging to fill larger boards. Allowing the district to function with a three-member board will ensure continued responsible management of water and sanitary services while reducing the burden of board recruitment in a rural area. This adjustment aligns with the practical governance needs of our community and will enhance the district's ability to serve its residents effectively.

I urge you and your colleagues to support **HF 478** and ensure its passage. This bill represents a simple yet meaningful solution that will allow the **Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District** to operate efficiently and continue providing essential services.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional input.

Sincerely,

*Paul McDonald*

Paul McDonald, Chair  
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CC: Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Grant Hauschild, Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District