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Dear Barb and members of the Legislative Water Commission,

Freshwater priorities for solving the wastewater issues are as follows:

4. Identify Opportunities for regional cooperation for administration and O&M
 - We like this approach for being local, self-organized and private
 - Desired legislative action is a bill to overtly provide statutory language to allow such associations to form and for the costs to be eligible utility costs.

6. Continue/increase PFA loan/grant funding
 - Yes, but...a spending plan must accompany this.
 - Develop a formula where population, treatment level, median income, etc. are factored into a calculation of return on investment.
 - Set budget targets based on known depreciation of infrastructure
 - Acknowledge that certain populations may not be viable.

2. Pilot a watershed-scale program and involve ag in the planning
 - We like the approach of the Yahara watershed in Wisconsin and would support a similar partnership in a rural-small urban watershed that is involved in 1 Watershed 1 Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie E. Jennings".

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