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President Pro Tempore 1st Senate District

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The Honorable DuWayne Johnsrud
Chairman, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
323 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Johnsrud:

Your office recently informed me that Senate Bill 245, relating to removing from natural watercourses obstructions on lands that are located in villages, will be having a hearing before your Committee on Wednesday, October 18 in Onalaska.

I want to thank you for your prompt attention to this bill. I won't be able to attend the hearing on October 18th, so I'd like to take a moment of your time to express the need for this expansion of the statutes.

This bill originated by request of a village president who was dealing with a citizen's complaint that her basement was flooding. It was determined that an obstruction in a drainage ditch on private property downstream from her was causing the water to back up onto her property.

It is imperative that village boards be allowed to protect their citizens from obstructions downstream that may, for example, damage homes upstream. This bill simply gives villages the same protocol to follow as towns currently utilize through the statutes.

If you have any questions prior to the hearing, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

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