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Senator Robert Jauch, Chair  
Special Committee on Emergency Management and Continuity of Government  
5271 South Maple Drive  
Poplar, WI 54864

Subject: Mutual Aid Agreements and WisWARN

Dear Senator Jauch:

I understand that this special legislative committee is studying the role of mutual aid agreements in emergency management situations in Wisconsin. The Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District has been actively involved in the development of the WisWARN mutual aid program for water and wastewater agencies in Wisconsin. There are currently over 30 states in the country that have this type of mutual aid compact in place, and it has proven to be an effective mechanism for providing aid in emergencies.

As you continue your deliberations, please consider reviewing the WisWARN program. I am sure it has elements that would be beneficial to any mutual aid program. I would also encourage your committee to assure that the WisWARN program is not jeopardized by any future legislation or rule making. Although this program is new in Wisconsin, it will surely be a positive force in future emergencies in the water sector.

Sincerely,

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