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To the Honorable: Tom Emmer, Jason Lewis, Erik Paulsen, Rick Nolan, Betty McCollum, Timothy Walz, Rick Nolan, Collin Peterson, Keith Ellison

Minnesota Congressional Representatives,

The Minnesota Utility Contractors Association (MUCA), representing over 140 companies engaged in underground utility construction, write you today to voice our strong support for HR 3387, the “Drinking Water System Improvement Act,” and ask that you consider becoming a co-sponsor of this critical legislation.

It’s no secret that America’s water systems are in dire need of repair, and The Drinking Water System Improvement Act would facilitate much-needed upgrades to drinking water systems across the country. Sponsored by Mississippi Congressman Gregg Harper, HR 3387 would authorize up to \$8 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund over the next five years, in addition to approving up to \$750 million for the Public Water System Supervision grant program.

This bipartisan bill is timely, and over a decade in the making. The State Revolving Funds are the primary source of funding for the repair and replacement of our nation’s beleaguered water systems, yet they have not been fully authorized since 2001. Contamination from lead and other toxins causes serious harm to our most vulnerable populations, and this legislation will help give communities the tools they need to build healthier and more efficient water systems. In late June, HR 3387 was unanimously approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and now heads to the floor for a full vote. We sincerely hope you will consider signing-on to this bipartisan effort to help ensure that every American has safe and healthy water to drink.

We are here to serve as a resource for you on underground utility construction and our State’s critical infrastructure. Please don’t hesitate to call upon us for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Menning".

Stephanie Menning, CAE, IOM
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

To promote the underground utility industry by providing safety training, continuing education, scholarships and legislative relations.

OUR VALUES

Honest Communications
Transparent Leadership
Authentic Engagement