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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and members of the House Rules Committee

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2765, which aims to allow the South Suburban Sanitary District to convey water using existing waterways. This crucial legislation not only promises substantial cost savings for the district (and therefore taxpayers) but also offers significant benefits to the local wildlife refuge, contributing to the preservation of valuable natural resources.

First and foremost, House Bill 2765 recognizes the potential for utilizing existing waterways as a means of water conveyance for the South Suburban Sanitary District. By leveraging these established routes, the district can avoid the need for costly pipeline projects. This financial relief will undoubtedly lead to more efficient allocation of resources, enabling the district to invest in other critical infrastructure projects or provide improved services to the community.

Furthermore, the utilization of existing waterways for conveying water will have a profound positive impact on the local wildlife refuge. Water is an essential element for the sustenance and growth of wildlife populations, and by providing a valuable water source, House Bill 2765 will contribute significantly to the ecological well-being of the refuge. The increased availability of water will support the diverse array of plant and animal species that rely on these resources for their survival, fostering a thriving ecosystem and preserving the region's natural heritage for future generations.

Moreover, this legislation aligns with the principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship. By utilizing existing waterways, the South Suburban Sanitary District can reduce the need for additional infrastructure development, minimizing the environmental impact associated with large-scale construction projects. This approach promotes a more holistic and environmentally conscious approach to water management, demonstrating the district's commitment to sustainable practices and the preservation of our natural resources.

In conclusion, House Bill 2765 presents a compelling opportunity to address the water conveyance needs of the South Suburban Sanitary District while simultaneously benefiting the local wildlife refuge. By leveraging existing waterways, the district can achieve significant cost savings, optimize resource allocation, and contribute to the ecological well-being of the region. I urge you to support this legislation and take a decisive step towards responsible water management and

conservation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the merits of House Bill 2765 and its potential impact on both the South Suburban Sanitary District and the local wildlife refuge. Please feel free to reach out to me if you require any additional information or have any questions.