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I am writing to express my strong support for the state's efforts to protect Minnesota's water systems through the implementation of the NPDES and SDS feedlot permits. However, I urge the state to take additional steps to safeguard these critical resources, particularly the nitrate-sensitive Karst landscape of southeastern Minnesota.

The citizens of southeastern Minnesota are currently facing unsafe drinking water conditions, a direct result of unchecked agricultural practices. This issue affects all Minnesotans, as the degradation of our natural resources diminishes the shared inheritance of our state's beauty and ecological health.

While the proposed permits include commendable plans to enforce rules regarding feedlot management and cover crop planting, these measures do not go far enough. It is essential to implement stricter limitations on manure management practices to prevent further contamination and degradation of our water systems.

As a resident of this region, I fully support more stringent regulations on manure application and management. By doing so, we can ensure the protection of our lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater, preserving them for future generations.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to seeing stronger, more effective regulations that reflect the urgent need to protect Minnesota's natural resources.

Sincerely,
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