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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Response to November 2, 2018 Letter

Director Nash:

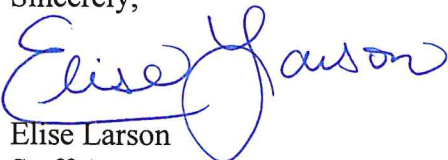
This letter responds to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources' (LCCMR) letter dated November 2, 2018 which requested information regarding *Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP) v. Frans*. As you know, prior to filing this lawsuit, we testified to LCCMR regarding our concern that using the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) to fund appropriation bonds violated the Minnesota Constitution. Below are responses to each of your questions:

1. **What is the status of the lawsuit?** We initiated the lawsuit when we served Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) with our Complaint on October 3, 2018. *MEP v. Frans* is an active lawsuit.
2. **What are the next steps in the process?** MMB must respond to our Complaint.
3. **Are there any specific deadlines for these next steps?** MMB must respond to our Complaint on or before January 21, 2019.

We understand that certain legislators are seeking ways to resolve this conflict through legislation that will provide alternative and appropriate funding sources for the projects funded with ENRTF appropriation bonds. We support these efforts.

Please feel free to contact me at (651) 287-4880 or elarson@mncenter.org with any questions.

Sincerely,



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