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Dear *(Name of Candidate)*

As a voting resident of your riding and a cottager on Lake Winnipeg, I am writing to you today on a matter of great importance to my family and me I: the health of Lake Winnipeg. I have watched algae blooms wash ashore near my property each year. These blooms are getting worse and appearing earlier in the season.

I know that algae blooms are caused by excess phosphorus loading into the lake from various sources. The largest point source of this phosphorus is the north end sewage treatment plant in Winnipeg. This is extremely disheartening – especially when technically feasible, cost effective solutions exist that can reduce this load immediately. For example, for \$5 million, ferric chloride can be used to reduce phosphorus in NEWPCC's effluent by 70 per cent. I recognize this creates additional sludge – however, if current sludge management capacity was brought up to standard through repair and maintenance, the city would be able to deal with this additional amount.

There seems to be no urgency to address phosphorus entering our rivers. Continued delays are unacceptable.

As regulator, it is the provincial government's responsibility to ensure the City of Winnipeg complies with its operating licence and does not continue to extend the timeline to reduce its phosphorus load. It is also the government's responsibility to impose consequences for inaction. I expect concrete steps be taken immediately to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg. Deferring responsibility is unacceptable – and not in the best interests of the lake and citizens like me. I strongly recommend you work collaboratively with all levels of government to implement a solution.

Generations of my family have enjoyed the beauty of Lake Winnipeg. If the lake's health continues to decline, the cost to repair it will far exceed the cost of dealing with city sewage.

Please reply to let me know what you plan to do about this issue.

Sincerely,

(Your Name and Contact Information)