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To Whom it may concern:

The City of Cavalier is writing this letter in support of SB 2275. The city of Cavalier has received two distributions of Prairie Dog Funds. We will be utilizing these funds to repair and update one of our lift stations in our city. We are still in the planning phase. Currently, the infrastructure needs of the City of Cavalier are as follows: We have 4 lift stations that were replaced or installed in the 1970's and early 1980's that will need updating. Lift station #1 services everything on the north side of the river, lift station number 6 services all of Bjornson Drive and Wedge Wood Manor our local nursing home that currently has 40 residents. These lift stations service about 1/3 of the homes and businesses in the City of Cavalier.

Additionally, there are 4in water mains that need to be replaced on Madison St, River St, Park St, Mountain St W, 1st and 2nd Ave, along with sewer and street repairs. We also need to replace the 6in Water main on West 2nd Ave N of Park St. These water mains were installed in the 1930's and are undersized for adequate fire flow and water circulation. They have also experienced numerus water breaks. This would include approximately 7,500 ft. of water main replacement and 4,000 ft. of sewer main. The total estimated price from 2013 was around \$3.1 million. Construction costs have increased significantly if not even doubled.

The benefit to the City of Cavalier to have access to the funds from the Prairie Dog Project is unmeasurable. These funds allow our city, with a population of 1238 residents, to implement much needed repairs and upgrades to our water and sewer systems that would take many more years without this funding source. For this reason, the City of Cavalier supports SB 2275.

Sincerely

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