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Dear Mr. Lemm,

I would like to express my concern over the protection of the states wetlands.

I would like to see continued scrutiny on the allowance of wetlands to be altered. I would propose no easing of rules to allow drainage or filling of wetlands. While the banking system appear to replace a natural wetland of the same quality of a developed wetland there is a loss of quality whenever this happens.

\*Therefore I would like to see rules that go to strict levels of avoidance before any permits are allowed.

Also, we continue to consider drain tiles and ditches entering wetlands to be non-point pollution sources. I believe we are treating these pollution sources in a way that is weak in protecting the water quality and biologic species in these wetlands.

\*Therefore I would like to see rules that do not allow ditches or drain tiles to enter a wetland. Rules protecting from these point sources of pollution need to be addressed.

Thank You Doug Ploof