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Statement of support for Innovative Manure Management Feasibility Study

On behalf of Clean Lakes Alliance, thank you for the work you do in this committee, especially your role in promoting solutions that work for our community.

Clean Lakes Alliance is committed to building a community of people, businesses, organizations, and government agencies to improve and protect the water quality in the Yahara Watershed. Meeting our water quality goals will take all of us – farmers, homeowners, municipalities, and developers – working together to meet our goal of a 50% reduction in phosphorus reaching our lakes by 2025.

We support the proposed *Innovative Manure Management Feasibility Study* and Request for Proposals and consider them an important part of finding innovative ways to manage manure in the watershed. Further, we have confidence in the competence of the staff at the Dane County Land and Water Resources Department and their ability to review the proposals expeditiously and keep moving these important proposals forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. Your work in encouraging new ideas to meet our shared water quality goals gives us hope for a future that includes both clean lakes and a vibrant farm economy.