

March 2, 2023

RE: In Support of: HB1218

Chairman Patten and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

All Seasons Water Users District supports House Bill 1218 FIRST ENGROSSMENT relating to the creation of the Northwest Area Water Supply Authority as presented to the Committee.

The Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project will supply Missouri River water to Northcentral and Northwest North Dakota. The people of that area are currently and previously have been provided water by the (3) three existing Rural Water Systems in that area – All Seasons Water Users District, North Prairie Regional Water District and Upper Souris Water District. NAWS will provided quality water and the quantity of water needed to the area, which will increase the sustainability all the individuals of Northcentral and Northwest North Dakota.

With the creation of the NAWS Authority it will allow all the entities that will be receiving water supplied by NAWS, to work together to develop recommendations for Legislative Management regarding the transition of long-term operations and management of NAWS.

All Seasons Water Users District looks forward to working with the Authority to provide quality water to the area.

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