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Dear Mike:

I extend my appreciation for your efforts on behalf of Whitefish Lake.

Addressing water quality issues is good for the economy and community of the Whitefish area. Thanks for your efforts to bring all of the folks to the table to engage in an active dialogue about the resource.

Whitefish recently annexed the Lake. With this action come responsibilities.

I support your request for the City of Whitefish to fund your Water Quality Monitoring Program in the amount of \$20,000 in 2006 and \$10,000 annually thereafter. It's important to progressively tackle this issue before it become reactive.

Thank you for partnering with Whitefish. Scientific research is a valuable tool in the management process and the education efforts to keep our Lake clean.

Let me know how I can be of further assistance.

Best,

Rep. Mike Jopek