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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern about the Crystal Springs Colony Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Proposal. This large-scale project is expected to have a negative environmental impact on Willow Creek and Lake Winnipeg. This lake cannot sustain more pollution.

At this time, it is well known that Lake Winnipeg faces critical environmental risks, due to extreme eutrophication, algae blooms, and declining water quality. The lake is being choked by excess phosphorus and nitrogen from agricultural runoff, municipal sewage, and urban waste. We need to take action immediately or this lake will die. The idea of approving this project and others like it, cannot be permitted.

I have spent my summers as a cottager in the RM of Gimli for 40 years and have seen firsthand the negative changes to the water quality of Lake Winnipeg. I have also witnessed the destruction of wetlands, which are critical to the natural infrastructure that filter pollutants, and store water to reduce flood risks, and provide essential habitats for wildlife. As the world's tenth largest freshwater lake, it sustains crucial habitat.

This lake is critical to Manitoba's environmental and economic future. Known for its fishing and tourism industries, the current state of this lake puts both of these sectors at risk.

It is my sincere hope that this message along with the many concerns voiced by community members in person and in writing at the public forum are carefully considered and result in the rejection of this proposal.

Thank you,  
Laura Smith