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Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee  
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Dear Paul,

I am writing to express my support for your efforts to implement a wastewater management system for the Greater Woods Bay area. I was thrilled to learn of the election of the Greater Woods Bay and Lake County Sewer District, and I very much look forward to hearing of your progress in removing some of the effluent that is affecting the water quality of "our" lake.

It is perhaps preaching to the choir, but I have been absolutely horrified by the experience of learning about the deterioration of Flathead Lake's water quality when I've attended seminars at the Yellow Bay Biological Station and other venues, and then juxtaposing this information with evidence of the huge upsurge in lakeshore development (and indeed, development across the watershed) that we are experiencing, and I know Woods Bay is looking very attractive to would-be developers and new residents alike.

As Henry David Thoreau said, "A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature." I cherish Flathead Lake: it is my home, it provides much of my recreation, it is the first sight I see when I start my day, it not infrequently provides my dinner, and it provides my solace too. I know I am not alone in this, and of course that is the irony of the surge in development and attendant pressure on the watershed: the Lake is beloved to many.

I thank you and support you in your efforts to help us all do what is best for our landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature, Flathead Lake.

Yours appreciatively,

Margaret L. Notley