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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: CURE Supports Petition for Adoption of Rules Prohibiting Lead Fishing Tackle and Lead Ammunition - Submitted by Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (September 3, 2019)

Dear Commissioner Strommen,

Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) is a rural, nonprofit organization made up of people who care about the well-being of their neighbors, the health of the land and water, and the legacy we leave for future generations.

Founded in 1992, CURE is an organization long rooted in the movement for rural social justice. Widely known as a community-based, grassroots leader, CURE shares what it knows and draws on the expertise of others through regional and nation-wide network collaborations.

CURE works in the areas of climate, energy, rural democracy, water, and connecting people with nature with a focus on civic engagement flowing through all projects.

CURE submits the letter in support of a Petition for Adoption of Rules Prohibiting Lead Fishing Tackle and Lead Ammunition, filed on September 3, 2019 by Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas. To ensure the health and survival of living organisms, including humans, we need to remove lead from the food chain as soon as possible and wherever possible. Non-toxic tackle and non-toxic ammunition are already available and are reasonably priced.

CURE thanks you in advance for adopting rules that adequately protect human health and the environment.

Sincerely yours,

Peg Furshong
Director of Programs
CURE