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Dear Mr. Fortunati:

I am writing to let you know that the three systems that I work for, the Fernwood Water and Sewer District, Santa Water and Sewer District and the Santa-Fernwood Sewer District are VERY SMALL SIZED drinking water and wastewater systems. Even though one of the systems, the Fernwood Water & Sewer District is just over 500 population within the last few months, I still consider each of them a Very Small Drinking Water and Wastewater System.

Increasing the fees to be paid to IDEQ will put a strain on our budget that has already been made for the 2026-2027 year.

These three systems are operating on a very fine shoestring right now and with the price increases on parts, fuel, wages, etc., adding an increase in the fee to pay IDEQ yearly will add a significant strain on our budgets.

I think that you must reconsider your intent to change the current fee rule and think about all of the small systems in Idaho that are barely scraping by.

In today's economy where the price of everything has increased exponentially, adding one more burden to our already straining budgets will be a detriment to every system in Idaho.

With kind regards,

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