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On behalf of the City of Middleton, please accept the following as a comment on the Drinking Water, Fee Updates - Proposed Rule Docket No.58-0108-2601.

> The City of Middleton supports the revisions to the Drinking Water Fee as described in Proposed Rule Docket No.58-0108-2601 and recognizes that while fee increases are important to avoid to the extent possible, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Division does an important work in maintaining the public's confidence in our state's public water systems. We consider it a significant benefit to our state's residents for Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality to maintain primacy over the implementation federal drinking water standards and therefore advocate for this rule revision to appropriately fund that agency with a moderate fee increases.

Thank you,
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