



April 5, 2022

Senator Thomas Bakk  
Chair, Capital Investment Committee  
328 Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Bakk and committee members:

The Minnesota AFL-CIO supports a large capital investment bill as one of our 2022 legislative priorities.

Communities across the state have critical needs to maintain, upgrade, or replace transportation and water infrastructure. Transportation investments will make our roads, bridges, and transit safer, more reliable and more connected. Investments in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, along with removal of lead service lines, will protect our water and public health.

Thanks to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, our own state and local investments can leverage federal matching funds. And with interest rates still relatively low, this year we have a unique opportunity to make significant investments that will create tens of thousands of high-quality, family-sustaining union construction jobs and give more Minnesotans a voice at the jobsite for years to come.

We encourage you to make substantial investments in these areas as you put together your 2022 bonding bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Hysing". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Hysing  
Legislative Director





175 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55103

**Phone:** 651/227-7647  
**Fax:** 651/227-3801

**Toll Free:** 800/652-9004  
**Web Site:** [www.mnafcio.org](http://www.mnafcio.org)