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Friday March 4th, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners Legislative Priorities

As I'm sure you're aware, our organization represents fifteen northern Minnesota counties that collectively manage 2.7 million acres of land for the various resources the forest provides. During the September 29, 2021 Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners (MACLC) meeting, the 2022 legislative priorities for our association were discussed. The priorities fall into three categories: leases, blighted properties, and conservation easements.

1. Leases: giving Counties greater flexibility in length and dollar limit for leases
2. Blighted Property: create or allow additional funding sources for blighted property remediation
3. Conservation Easements: allow Counties to put conservation easements on tax forfeited land for ecosystem services including carbon offsets and wetland banks

I, as chair, am willing to help testify for any of these items.

Sincerely,

Nate Eide
Chair of MACLC