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via email

Sen. Sandy Pappas, Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Capitol Room 328
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Pappas and committee members:

On behalf of the 1,700+ members and affiliates of the St. Paul Area Chamber, who together represent more than 3 million employees and their families, thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for the St. Paul Port Authority's (SPPA) \$13 million bonding request to redevelop the public areas of the abandoned Hillcrest Golf Course.

Through The Heights, the SPPA is bringing a truly transformational development to St. Paul's Eastside. The project will ultimately include a light industrial park which will bring 1,000 jobs, as well as 1,000 affordable housing units (both rental and ownership). The project also has an environmental focus, including a five-acre park, 15 additional acres of green space, and the goal to create a carbon-free community.

Since the project is located at a former golf course, there is a lack of infrastructure, which has proven to be financially challenging. State support for this bonding request will help fund the roads, utilities, and remediation needed to spur all the positive outcomes this redevelopment will bring to the eastside. We urge the inclusion of funding for this important project in this year's capital investment bill.

Respectfully,



B Kyle
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St. Paul Area Chamber

