

March 6, 2023

Senator Carlson and Members

Chair of the Committee on Elections

Re: SF 1548 – Rest: Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources Aid

Dear Chair Carlson and Committee Members,

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the opportunity to share our support of SF 1548.

We pride ourselves on administering accurate, accessible, fair, and timely elections for our community. As the third largest voting jurisdiction in Minnesota with a population of around 430,000 people and about 246,000 of whom are registered to vote, Minneapolis needs the VOTER (Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources) funds to help us continue providing residents with resourceful voting centers and staff. If money is allocated to local units of government, these funds can go towards updating equipment, improving voting locations, staffing elections, providing the means to guarantee election worker safety and more. These funded resources can go a long way in continuing high quality election administration and ensure that individuals can continue to exercise their right to vote efficiently.

The City of Minneapolis is dedicated to promoting civic participation for all its residents and continuing to provide voting resources to all community members. We thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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