



February 20, 2023

Dear Chair Murphy and Members, Senate State and Local Government Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities in the seven-county metropolitan area, supports SF 1086-Cwodzinski, that repeals the statutory salary cap for local units of government.

Metro Cities policies support the ability of locally elected officials to make decisions based on the needs and circumstances of their local community, including making decisions on local government salaries.

The statutory salary cap is applied arbitrarily, with exemptions granted for some entities but not others, and it creates significant challenges and disadvantages in the recruitment and retainment of professional talent. Minnesota is the only state with a salary cap.

Thank you for your consideration of SF 1086. We look forward to working with the bill author and the committee as you consider this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Lane".

Executive Director
Metro Cities