



Office of the President

January 10, 2022

Mr. Bob Manzoline, Executive Director
NLX Alliance
111 Station 44 Road
Eveleth, MN 55734

Dear Mr. Manzoline,

We are writing in support of the Northern Lights Express Project, (NLX). With six proposed stations, including locations in our campus cities of Cambridge and Coon Rapids, the NLX system would open up opportunities for Minnesotans to attend college that might not otherwise have the chance due to transportation and/or distance limitations. An increase in college enrollment would also stimulate job growth and economic growth for the Cambridge and Coon Rapids areas.

As an institution that supports environmental sustainability, we are very interested in the benefits that the NLX project would offer. Providing mass commuter options would help reduce the carbon footprint of employees and students of Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Students would also have the option of commuting between campuses, opening up the opportunity of taking classes at the other campus, connecting with other students and engaging in additional student experiences. Utilizing NLX would also allow students time to study while commuting in a safe and comfortable environment.

We appreciate your work on behalf of the Northern Lights Express and look forward to watching the project create momentum.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kent Hanson in black ink.

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