



March 7, 2023

Senator Bobby Jo Champion, Chair  
Jobs and Economic Development Committee  
Room 1100 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Champion and Members,

On behalf of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, I write today to express my support for SF 1676, an appropriation for the Expo 2027 host organization. As the largest local chamber in Minnesota representing businesses across the Twin Cities region, including in Bloomington, the proposed site for the 2027 Expo, this bid presents a once in a generation opportunity to bring worldwide attention to the innovative work happening in our home state.

Our state's civic and business communities were thrilled that Minnesota received official designation from President Biden as the official United States location for the 2027 World Expo. There is no place better suited on the planet to showcase innovations and discoveries that are advancing health, wellness, and well-being. As a member of the Minnesota USA Expo 2027 board of directors, I have been honored to travel the world promoting our bid and have been encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response as we look ahead to the June decision.

This appropriation is critical as we continue to lay the groundwork for a successful event, while simultaneously courting significant private investment. We encourage your support and would be happy to provide additional information if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Weinhagen', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Weinhagen  
President & CEO  
Minneapolis Regional Chamber

Cc: Senator Mohamed, Vice Chair  
Senator Draheim  
Senator Gustafson  
Senator Hawj  
Senator Housley  
Senator Nelson  
Senator Pratt  
Senator Putnam