

Date: 03/09/2023

Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair
Senate Jobs and Economic Development Comm.
3401 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN, 55155

Representative Hodan Hassan, Chair
House Economic Development Finance & Policy Comm.
597 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for SF 1794/HF 232 - Tourism Industry Recovery Grants

Dear Chair Champion and Chair Hassan,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the SF 1794 (Hauschild) and HF 232 (Hansen), the bills to appropriate \$10 million for Tourism Industry Recovery Grants.

The Tourism Industry Recovery Grants help our Convention and Visitors Bureau promote our community to a larger audience than our yearly budget allows. Tourism in our area is very important as it helps boost the local economy and promote economic activity. We are a community that depends on the summer months (our peak tourist season) to get us through our slower times of the year. The Tourism Industry Recovery Grants are crucial to our organization.

Again, I urge your support of SF 1794/HF 232 and funding for Tourism Industry Recovery Grants.

Sincerely,

Delaney Roshell
Executive Director

International Falls, Ranier & Rainy Lake
Convention & Visitors Bureau