



February 7, 2023

Sen. Ann Rest, Chair
Minnesota Senate Taxes Committee
Minnesota Senate
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for North Metro Range Regional Public Safety Training Facility in Maple Grove
Construction Sales Tax Exemption – SF64 (Limmer)

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee,

As a project with significant regional impact, the North Metro Mayors Association (NMMA) strongly supports the expansion of the North Metro Regional Public Safety Training Facility in Maple Grove and supports exempting the materials and supplies from state sales taxes.

Nineteen agencies, including joint powers agreement partners, are dependent on the facility for training. The reach of the successful partnerships makes the training facility a state-wide asset. The Legislature recognized this significance by approving Capital Investment funds to assist in the expansion and renovation.

As a regional and state-wide asset, and for the important role the City of Maple Grove is playing in this endeavor, it is logical that this construction project be exempted from sales tax on the materials and supplies purchased with local and state tax dollars.

NMMA is a collaboration of North Metro cities plus community partners working together to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs. NMMA member cities include Andover, Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Fridley, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park, representing more than 450,000 Minnesota residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dave Bartholomay
City of Circle Pines
NMMA President

Mayor Ryan Sabas
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President

Mayor Kathi Hemken
City of New Hope
Former President