

February 27, 2023

Senator Ann H. Rest
Chair of the Committee on Taxes

Re: SF 1587 — Dibble: Allocation modification of revenues from the solid waste management tax

Dear Chair Rest and Members,

The City of Minneapolis supports SF 1587: Allocation modification of revenues from the solid waste management tax. In 2014, the State raised the recycling and composting goal in Statute for counties in the Metropolitan Area to 75% by the end of 2030. The increase of the State goal set higher expectations on counties and cities to develop or expand diversion programs and educational efforts to meet the goal. It did not, however, come with sustainable on-going funding for programs or educational efforts.

Senate File 1587, intends to do exactly that, re-allocate funding currently siphoned from the Environmental Fund to the State's General Fund back to its intended purpose through the SCORE program is essential to helping meet City, County and State goals. Subdivision 2. (c) of this bill is particularly important as it denotes the funds must be distributed to counties for waste reduction and diversion programs through the SCORE program.

Sincerely,



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