## EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Honorable Senator Sandra Pappas 2113 Minnesota Senate Bldg. St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Pappas,

On behalf of the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), I am writing to provide feedback for the Senate Capital Investment Committee's omnibus bill SF5201. This bill contains investments in two critical economic development programs that assist DEED in its mission, "To empower the growth of the Minnesota economy, for everyone." I would like to thank you and the entire Capital Investment Committee for their partnership on this legislation.

I would like to specifically share my support and gratitude for including funding for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure program (BDPI) and the Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Program (TEDI).

In closing, I would again like to thank Chair Pappas, Vice Chair Pha, Ranking Member Housley and the entire committee for your long-standing partnership and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Darielle Dannen (darielle.dannen@state.mn.us) with any questions.

With warm regards,

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Matt Varilek Commissioner

**CC: Senator Housley**