



April 1, 2024

Dear Chair Klein and Members of the Commerce Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 4455 (Pappas), which is being heard in the Commerce Committee on Tuesday.

Wire theft from streetlights, other public infrastructure, and private property negatively impacts communities by reducing public safety for all transportation modes. These thefts also cost cities hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to replace and repair damaged streetlights. Metro Cities supports efforts to curtail the theft of copper wire from public infrastructure and private property. Metro Cities thanks the author for their work and the committee for their attention on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
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