



DEDICATED TO A STRONG GREATER MINNESOTA

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RE: SF4116 Minnesota Resilient Community Act

Dear Senator Hawj and committee members:

I am reaching out on behalf of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) to comment on the Minnesota Resilient Community Act, S.F. 4116. The CGMC is a group of more than 100 cities located outside the metropolitan area. Our members are dedicated to a stronger Greater Minnesota and are focused on developing viable, progressive communities for families and businesses through good local government and strong economic growth. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

In recent years, our cities have been facing increasing challenges due to climate change and extreme weather. Extreme storms have overloaded stormwater and sewer system. Droughts have impacted tree cover and other plant life. Excessive heat and wildfire smoke have challenged our more vulnerable citizens.

We appreciate the funding that the Legislation provided last session to assist our cities with planning and other work to address these challenges. We believe that this legislation is an important next step to continue working on these issues. We thank Sen. McEwen for bringing this legislation forward and urge this committee to help continue the important work of addressing the challenges associated with climate change and extreme weather.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wefel, on behalf of
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities