

3/25/24 Kara Josephson Committee Administrator Senate Environment, Climate & Legacy Committee 95 University Ave W, St Paul, MN 55103

Dear members of the Senate Environment, Climate and Legacy Committee,

On behalf of the Sierra Club North Star Chapter, I am writing to express our support for HF4550/SF4523, which aims to establish a task force dedicated to enhancing the recovery of critical materials from end-of-life products.

HF4550/SF4523 represents a significant step towards advancing sustainable materials management practices in our state. By establishing a dedicated task force and fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders, this legislation has the potential to drive meaningful progress towards a more circular and resource-efficient economy.

We appreciate the provision to engage stakeholders in meaningful consultation regarding recycling and end-of-life management options. By fostering collaboration among environmental advocates, community members, and industry representatives, this legislation promotes transparency and inclusivity in decision-making processes, ultimately contributing to the development of effective and equitable solutions.

The North Star Chapter also recognizes the importance of establishing the necessary infrastructure to support an integrated system for collecting, transporting, and recycling products containing critical materials. By addressing infrastructure gaps, we can streamline material recovery, thereby reducing waste and minimizing environmental impacts.

Thank you for considering our input on this important matter. We urge you to support HF4550/SF4523 and its objectives to enhance critical materials recovery efforts in our state.

Sincerely, Margaret Levin State Director Sierra Club North Star Chapter