

February 27, 2024

Re: Support of SF 3507/HF 3377 – Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations

Dear Members of the Committee:

Environment and conservation organizations across the state are dedicated to protecting the people and the places Minnesotans love. The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has helped to further this mission, providing over \$900 million in innovative funding for natural resource management projects. We are proud to support the ENRTF Appropriations Bill, which continues this special tradition of stewardship that the ENRTF offers to Minnesota.

The Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund benefits current citizens and future generations by providing long-term, consistent, and stable funding for projects to protect, conserve, and enhance Minnesota's "air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources," and has provided funding to nearly 1,800 projects across the state of Minnesota since 1991.

We appreciate and acknowledge the extensive vetting done by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota's Natural Resources. The breadth of projects in SF 3507/HF 3377 is critical to protecting and enhancing Minnesota's environment and natural resources. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Audubon Upper Mississippi River	Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	The Minnesota Land Trust
Austin Audubon Society	Ducks Unlimited	The Nature Conservancy
Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society	Friends of the Mississippi River	Wild Rivers Conservancy
Central Minnesota Audubon Chapter	Great River Greening	
Minnesota River Valley Audubon Society	Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	
Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society	MN Conservation Federation	
Prairie Lakes Audubon Society	Minnesota Environmental Partnership	
St. Paul Audubon Society	Public Policy Project–Environmental Justice Coordinating Council	
Wild River Audubon Society	Rainbow Research	
Zumbro Valley Audubon Society	The Initiative Foundation	