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March 25, 2024

**Re: SF 4108 – Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure**

Dear Senator Dziedzic and members of the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee,

On behalf of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), I am writing to express our support for S.F. 4108, including the anticipated author's amendment. The CGMC is an organization of more than 100 municipalities located outside the metropolitan area.

Our cities are responsible for a myriad of infrastructure, ranging from city halls to streets to water treatment to wastewater treatment and more. Managing and funding that infrastructure can be challenging, but this proposal may help all our communities better manage those assets. This proposal would help identify strategies for enhancing the longevity of assets, help provide training for infrastructure owners and asset managers, and encourage coordination and collaboration around asset management.

During this legislative session, concerns have been raised about the ability of local governments to effectively manage their capital assets. Establishing this council and providing local governments with the tools to do so is the best way to address that problem. Therefore, we urge this committee to move this proposal forward.

When this proposal was first unveiled, we had concerns about ensuring that Greater Minnesota would have adequate representation on the council. However, it is our understanding that the author is amending the language to ensure that representation. We appreciate that change and thank the author for doing so.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities