



March 26, 2024

Chair Dziedzic, Vice Chair Mitchell, and Members of the Senate State and Local Government & Veterans Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments outlining concerns about SF 4718 (Anderson), which would prohibit a municipality from adopting or enforcing an ordinance related to battery-charged security fences.

Local elected officials are charged in state statute with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of residents in the communities they serve. As such, city officials have a community-specific interest as to the use of electric fences and their location in proximity to schools, residential areas, parks, trails, community facilities, and other amenities. We request that cities retain the authority to tailor local ordinances for electric fencing to the unique needs and conditions within their communities.

For these reasons, we oppose passage of this bill. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Bordson", is written over a light gray circular background.

Brooke Bordson  
League of Minnesota Cities