



March 8, 2024

Senator Robert Kupec
Representative Jeff Brand

RE: SF 3943/HF 4357—Wayside detector system requirements established

Dear Senator Kupec and Representative Brand,

The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) is an association serving 838 of Minnesota's 855 cities through advocacy, education and training, policy development, risk management and other services.

Thank you for authoring SF 3943/HF 4357, a bill requiring railroads to maintain operational wayside detector systems. The League supports this legislation because it imposes safety standards that are in the best interest of the public. This bill would prevent train derailments by detecting defects sooner and crews having the ability to act upon the defect with information reported directly to the crew, which is not always the practice now.

We look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Finn".

Anne Finn
Intergovernmental Relations Director