



March 5, 2024

Senator Grant Hauschild
Representative Dave Lislegard

RE: SF 3886/HF 3992--Onetime aid program established for licensed ambulance services, reports required, and money appropriated

Dear Senator Hauschild and Representative Lislegard,

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 3886/HF 3992, a bill that provides immediate one-time financial relief to struggling licensed ambulance services. This funding is essential to address operational deficits throughout the state. The League supports this legislation.

The League also appreciates the work of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force to understand and begin addressing EMS delivery challenges. As you heard in the field hearings you held throughout the state, problems in the EMS system have been topics of concern and discussion in communities statewide. Additionally, the *2022 Emergency Ambulance Services Report* conducted by the Office of the Legislative Auditor brought to light specific issues that should be addressed through administrative and legislative actions. The report also underscores the need to address staffing and funding shortages to improve ambulance service sustainability in Minnesota.

It's important that solutions recognize there are nuances around challenges faced throughout our state, and there can be no "one size fits all" approach. The League supports immediate financial relief to struggling licensed ambulance services but also interventions designed to help improve efficiencies and resolve serious workforce challenges, capital equipment needs, education, and ongoing operational deficits.

We look forward to working with you to advance legislation that will address EMS issues statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Finn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anne Finn
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