



March 22, 2024

**Re: S.F. 4982 – Solid Waste Tax Revenue Directed to Solid Waste Management**

Chair Rest and members of the Senate Tax Committee,

The League of Minnesota Cities, on behalf of its 838 city members, appreciates the opportunity to submit comments related to S.F. 4982 (Dibble) and respectfully asks that members support this legislation. Local governments rely on grants from the SCORE program as base funding for their overall local recycling, waste reduction, organics collection efforts. Many counties then pass along available resources for cities to manage these services within their boundaries. The infusion of solid waste tax resources directed by this legislation is badly needed by Minnesota cities, as the costs and complexity of running these programs has increased significantly and can run several times higher than SCORE funding in any given county.

The League supports the increase in SCORE funding proposed in S.F. 4982 being included in the 2024 supplemental budget and tax package developed by the legislature. Thank you for your attention and time spent on improving funding for this key portion of local solid waste management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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