



March 26, 2024

Senator Ann Rest, Chair

Minnesota Seante Tax Committee

SF 4982 (Dibble); Resource management account dedication increase provision.

Dear Chair Rest and Tax Committee Members:

On behalf of Otter Tail County, I ask for your support of **SF 4982 (Dibble)**, to amend the Solid Waste Management tax revenue allocation.

- **Otter Tail County supports efforts to permanently increase SCORE Grants**

The State of Minnesota is generating approximately \$1 million per year in tax revenue from the Solid Waste Management Tax in Otter Tail County. Minnesota returns about \$200,000/year to Otter Tail County in SCORE Grants to fund our recycling and solid waste management programs.

- **Otter Tail County has set a goal of working towards zero landfilling.**

We need the remaining tax revenue generated in our county to advance our goals and protect Minnesota.

We appreciate the action taken in 2023 to increase SCORE grants by 3 percent. Our 2024 recycling budget after receiving SCORE Grant funding is a net loss of \$1.2 million. The State of Minnesota assigned counties lead responsibility in recycling and solid waste management. Utilizing all the tax revenue for the purpose it was intended will show our communities that Minnesota is committed to the goals and values reflected in its policies. Solid waste management is essential to a healthy and vibrant state.

Sincerely,

Chris McConn P.E., Solid Waste Director

