

## City of Biwabik

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Representative Dave Lislegard Chair, House Property Tax Division 451 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Grant Hauschild 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3111 St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Lislegard and Senator Hauschild:

We are writing today in support of House File 5198, Rep. Lislegard's Property Tax Division Report, and Senate File 5435.

We appreciate Rep. Lislegard and Sen. Hauschild including funding for housing infrastructure and a public safety center in the City of Biwabik in House File 5198 and Senate File 5435.

This funding is very important to the City of Biwabik as we will use it to fund infrastructure improvements that are necessary for much needed housing and to fund a public safety center that houses fire, ambulance, and police services. The funds being directed toward our project come from taxes paid by our local mining companies in lieu of property taxes. We appreciate this money being reinvested into our local communities on the Iron Range.

Thank you for your leadership and support of our community.

Mayor Jim Weikum