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Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair, House Tax Committee Representative Dave Lislegard, Chair, House Property Tax Division Senator Ann Rest, Chair, Senate Tax Committee Senator Grant Hauschild Minnesota State Capitol St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Gomez, Chair Rest, Chair Lislegard, and Senator Hauschild:

RE: H.F. 5198, Rep. Lislegard's Property Tax Division Report & S.F. 5435

We appreciate Rep. Lislegard and Sen. Hauschild including funding for the East Range Developmental Achievement Center in House File 5198 and Senate File 5435. This grant will help us with much-needed facility improvements.

East Range DAC is a private, non-profit agency that has been serving adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1966. We proudly provide both job training and work opportunities for over 90 employees with disabilities from the Iron Range including the communities of Virginia, Eveleth, Mountain Iron, Gilbert, Biwabik, Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, Babbitt, Embarrass, Hibbing, Chisholm, Buhl, and their surrounding areas. Our work is done at our Eveleth center and in community settings. Our Eveleth center is an aging facility, and this grant will help us with much-needed improvements.

We appreciate this grant and thank Rep. Lislegard and Sen. Hauschild for introducing this legislation.

Respectfully,

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