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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:

I am writing today in support of House File 5198, Rep. Lislegard's Property Tax Division Report, and Senate File 5435 (Hauschild).

I appreciate Rep. Lislegard and Sen. Hauschild including infrastructure funding for Silver Bay in their bills. Silver Bay is a mining town that was built all at once. Because of that, our infrastructure is failing and in need of repair all at once. This funding will go a long way toward helping us replace this ageing system. We think it makes sense to use these funds for Silver Bay as the funding comes 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 and appreciate Rep. Lislegard and Sen. Hauschild for introducing this legislation.

Thank you.

Wade LeBlanc

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Mayor
City of Silver Bay, Minnesota

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