



Minnesota Solid Waste Administrators Association | 125 Charles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103-2108 | [www.mn-swaa.org](http://www.mn-swaa.org)

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**Re: SF5234 (Rest) 2024 Omnibus Tax Bill**

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

**The Minnesota Solid Waste Administrators Association (SWAA)** — an affiliate of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), which represents all 87 Minnesota counties— **is an organization of county and solid waste district professionals and affiliated waste specialists.** SWAA advocates for policies and funding to improve and promote responsible waste management and reduce the environmental impacts of solid waste.

**SWAA appreciates the additional resources (\$3.252 million) for solid waste management through SCORE funding.** This appropriation will support efforts to reduce disposal and address the health and environmental impacts of solid waste.

SCORE grants provide funding for recycling programs, food waste management and prevention, composting, waste reduction and the management of problem materials including household hazardous wastes. It is also the primary state support mechanism for waste reduction efforts statewide. This funding will allow counties to invest in programs to achieve state recycling mandates in pursuit of a Zero-Waste economy.

**Thank you for your recognition of this important environmental work.** Should you have any questions about SCORE funding or other solid waste issues please contact Brian Martinson, AMC Policy Analyst, at [bmartinson@mncounties.org](mailto:bmartinson@mncounties.org) or 651-246-4156.

Sincerely,

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