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Senator Sandra Pappas  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2113  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: RAMS Letter of Support for Capital Investment focused on Core Infrastructure**

Senator Pappas,

The Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, representing 27 cities, 28 townships, and 15 school districts, in the 7-county region of Northeastern MN, wishes to communicate our support a 2025 capital investment package focused on core infrastructure.

These are projects in communities positively drive the economy from Aitkin to Crosby, Keewatin to Hibbing, Chisholm, Virginia, Biwabik, up the North Shore, to Ely and everywhere in between. A capital investment package is part of the biennial planning cycle for our communities. Each member of the Range Delegation is advocating for their communities in championing projects contained in one or multiple capital investment bills.

Clearly, this work is important to our local communities but is also important to all Minnesotans who care about a thriving Minnesota, state-wide. It must be said that these projects are of outsized importance to our region. Capital investment funds are often the deciding factor if local projects in our region make it across the finish line. Legislators who support a capital investment bill focused on core infrastructure are showing that, regardless of your zip code, every place in the state matters.

Sincerely,

**Paul Peltier**

Executive Director

Approved by the RAMS Board 2/27/25

**Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)** The organization represents more than 155,000 residents and 70 public sector units of government, including 27 cities, 28 townships, and 15 public school districts the 13,000 square mile Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) of northeast Minnesota. As an organization, RAMS has represented the interests of the Iron Range region for 85 years

