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The Honorable Sandy Pappas 95 University Avenue West Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2113 St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Pappas:

On behalf of the Boys Hockey Coaches Association, I am writing to urge your support of needed updates to the Xcel Energy Center and Roy Wilkins Auditorium.

The arena complex has been best known for hockey, but it is also home to the MN High School tournaments and many more marquee events. These are keystone events for our state and impact student athletes from all corners of Minnesota. The arena complex truly is the place where Minnesotans gather to celebrate hockey and other sports that bring us together.

Getting to play at the Xcel is an absolute highlight for our student-athlete's – and that excitement is shared by their coaches, parents, families and classmates. We are grateful to have this incredible asset and strongly encourage you to provide the funds needed to keep it a world-class facility.

Sincerely,

Ricky Saintey

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