



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

March 19, 2025

Dear Chair Pappas:

The Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association provides resources to develop high school coaches and players to their fullest potential. One cannot overstate the importance of female athletes and girls having the ability to play sports like hockey. The Wild Foundation annually supports us in this mission by providing grant funding to our organization.

In its 24-year history, the Xcel Arena has been best known for hosting the Wild, the MN High School tournaments, plus many events and concerts drawing diverse audiences. The arena complex benefits the entire State of Minnesota. As a recognized statewide asset, it is a major driver of economic activity.

I urge you to support funding to upgrade the facilities and increase their important impact to the state, our association and girls' sports

Sincerely,

Tim Morris  
Executive Director, MGHCA  
Girls HS Director, MN Hockey

Bob Sherry  
Special Projects Director, MGHCA