



City of Lakeville
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March 13, 2025

Senator Matt Klein, Chair
Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
2105 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Lakeville's Support for SF 1182 – Statewide Social Districts

Dear Chair Klein and Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of Lakeville and its business community, we write in support of SF 1182, which would grant cities the authority to establish designated Social Districts.

Downtown Lakeville has experienced significant growth over the past decade and has become a thriving hub for dining and entertainment. This growth is a result of the strong partnership between the city and its business community. Creating a Social District will further enhance the downtown experience and attract more foot traffic to our local businesses. The enthusiasm for a Social District is evident throughout Lakeville, yet the city lacks the tools to collaborate with the business community in meeting this growing demand.

The need for a statewide framework is clear. Having to seek individual authorization for a Social District is inefficient for both local governments and the Legislature. Minnesota has already demonstrated that well-managed Social Districts foster economic vitality while maintaining strong regulatory oversight. A streamlined, statewide approach will allow cities like Lakeville to focus on supporting their communities instead of navigating a patchwork of approvals.

We urge your support for SF 1182 to remove the legislative barriers that are hindering the City of Lakeville and its business community from unlocking further economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Luke M. Hellier
Mayor