



Chair Founq Hawj
Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
3231 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55103

April 8, 2025

Dear Chair Hawj and Members of the Senate Environment Committee,

As the committee reviews the DE amendment to SF 2077, we write to thank you for including SF 1569, authored by Senator Rob Kupec. SF2077 provides \$264,000 per year in general funds for implementing the 1998 Red River Basin Flood Mediation agreement in the Red River Basin of Minnesota.

This funding will provide the support needed for local watershed district project teams as they develop multipurpose flood mitigation and water storage projects. The Mediation Agreement provides a structure for engaging partners on water, habitat, and natural resource issues on a basin-wide approach as watershed projects are developed from the concept phase. These local multipurpose projects provide water quality, water storage, and habitat all while supporting the communities and economies in the Red River Basin.

The Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG), who implements the Mediation Agreement with the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB), has successfully implemented the Agreement for over 26 years. This funding will help us continue this important work for the next two years. Thank you again for supporting this vital program in the Red River Basin.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Sip
Executive Director
RRWMB

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Dan Money
Co-chair
FDRWG

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John Finney
President
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