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Senator John Marty
Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3235 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Marty and Committee members,

Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) serves an important role leading digital service delivery across the executive branch by strengthening digital infrastructure, enhancing cybersecurity, and empowering data-driven solutions to improve outcomes for Minnesotans. We are able to accomplish these goals with the help of critical partners, including the legislature, our state agency business partners, and the Technology Advisory Council. Together, we have made significant progress in advancing and maturing cybersecurity defenses, fostering collaboration, and modernizing systems across the enterprise. Despite these achievements, we recognize that important work remains ahead of us.

We are grateful for the inclusion of the Governor's recommended operating adjustment in the amendment for Senate File 3045. Supporting this modest adjustment enables MNIT to continue existing levels of service while also allowing our agency to address increases in employer-paid health care contributions such as FICA and Medicare, as well as other compensation-related costs. MNIT's general fund base is the core source of funding for our statewide leadership functions. This funding enables MNIT to advance the Whole-of-State Cybersecurity plan, support data-driven decision making via the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo), advance accessibility, and implement key strategic transformation goals of the Technology Advisory Council (formerly Blue Ribbon Council on IT). Inclusion of the operating adjustment ensures MNIT continues its strong leadership in these areas.

Thank you for your continued commitment to advancing digital services for Minnesotans, including the strong investments that the legislature made to advance cybersecurity, cloud transformation, and application modernization in prior legislative sessions. Your support and partnership are critical to ensuring continued progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tarek Tomes', written over a horizontal line.

Tarek Tomes
Commissioner and State Chief Information Office

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