



March 31, 2025

Dear Chair Xiong and Members of the State and Local Government Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 1598 (McEwen), which is being heard in the State and Local Government Committee on Tuesday. Metro Cities supports this bill.

To serve their residents and communities, city officials must have sufficient local decision-making authority. Metro Cities opposes statutory changes that erode local authority, such as the current law prohibiting cities and other political subdivisions from banning the use of paper, plastic, or reusable bags for packaging goods purchased from local merchants.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
Government Relations Specialist
Metro Cities