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The Honorable D. Scott Dibble
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Dibble and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of City of Duluth, I would like to lend my strong support for SF 1091, which provides \$20 million to cities of the first class to establish traffic calming measures and related improvements.

Like many cities of the first class, Duluth is experiencing constrained budgets and increasing demand for core city services, all while working to meet the city's robust demands for housing. This bill, SF 1091, helps provide Duluth with some of the funding needed to make necessary structural improvements to our city's streets in a way that improves safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike.

Duluth spends \$5 million per year on street improvements; improvements needed to refresh the local street system every 30 years. The funds appropriated in this bill are crucial to helping Duluth make needed safety improvements to our local street system. Improvements, such horizontal and vertical deflection elements, intersection improvements, paint, curb bump-outs, bollards, raised crosswalks, make our city streets safer for all users and contribute to making Duluth a more livable place to raise a family, work, and recreate.

As large population centers, cities of the first class face distinct challenges, especially with respect to infrastructure and traffic safety. This bill provides crucial funding to help Duluth and other cities of the first class address significant funding gaps and improve safety throughout their transportation networks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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