



April 7, 2025

Chair Champion and Members of the Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to support SF 1832 - Champion, as amended by the DE amendment.

Metro Cities supports state funded programs that support new and expanding businesses, infrastructure development and public-private partnerships. Metro Cities also supports programs for the redevelopment of previously developed land to increase local property tax bases, increase land values, provide more efficient uses of new or existing public infrastructure, and enhance the livability of neighborhoods.

Metro Cities appreciates and supports the base funding included in the bill for the Minnesota Investment Fund, the Redevelopment Grant Program, the Job Skills Partnership Program, and the Job Creation Fund. These are key programs that cities rely on to facilitate job growth, economic development, and redevelopment in our communities. The economic viability of the metropolitan area is enhanced by an array of economic development tools funded by the state to support these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell  
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