



April 21, 2025

Senator Ann Rest, Chair
Senate Taxes Committee
Minnesota Capitol, Room 328
75 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Bill Weber, Ranking Minority Member
Senate Taxes Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2211
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for SF2854 – Research and development campuses

Chair Rest, Ranking Member Weber and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, I am writing today in support of SF2854, a proposal to help spur a large-scale economic development project that could exceed \$500 million in private investment.

Dakota County strongly supports providing a sales tax exemption on construction materials and supplies that would allow Ecolab to establish a new research and development facility at its existing campus in Eagan. The first phase of construction alone is estimated at up to \$250 million. The long-term economic benefits of this project — not only for the county, but also for the broader Twin Cities region — are remarkable.

Expansion of Ecolab's campus in Eagan will create a global center for research and development, innovative training and a customer experience center. It will draw thousands of Ecolab employees, business partners and others from around the world for training. Others will move to the area for their work.

Dakota County has worked hard over many years to create a climate that welcomes and encourages private business development. A company in Ecolab's position could decide to build anywhere in the country, or overseas, and we have the opportunity to host the center here in Minnesota. We ask that you join us in backing this request to support a strong business partner, provide tremendous economic benefits and make our region stronger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Slavik".

Mike Slavik, Chair
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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