



April 16, 2025

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

RE: Support for solid waste management tax rebate for materials removed from the waste stream for recycling, composting, or reuse ([SF 3336](#))

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Committee:

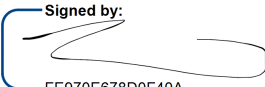
I am writing to express strong support for the proposed Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) rebate initiative. This common-sense approach will ensure the SWMT, an existing tax collected explicitly for solid waste management, is used as originally intended for waste reduction initiatives.

The rebate structure is smart, straightforward, and results driven. It allocates funding only when measurable waste diversion outcomes are achieved. This model rewards actual impact ton by ton and ensures taxpayer money is used effectively.

The SWMT fund continues to grow annually, making this proposal financially self-sustaining without requiring new appropriations or adding burden to state or local taxpayers. In addition, rebate funds can support both ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) and the debt service on capital investments in waste diversion infrastructure.

This proposal has the potential to “move the needle.” It rewards sound solid waste management planning and execution while delivering tangible environmental and economic benefits for Olmsted County and communities across Minnesota. Thank you for your consideration of SF 3336 (Westrom) and the opportunity to lend our support.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Mark Thein, Chair
Olmsted County Board of Commissioners