



April 28, 2025

Re: Support for SF2337 extending the use of unobligated Tax Increment Financing funds.

Chair Rest and Member of the Senate Tax Committee:

On behalf of our 842 member cities across the state, the League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to express our support for SF2337, which extends the temporary authority of cities to use unobligated tax increment finance (TIF) funds to assist with specified private development needs that create and retain jobs in their communities.

Cities across the state were very grateful for the 2021 legislation that authorized temporary authority to use excess TIF funds to spur development during and after the global pandemic slowdown. We know however, that with the development downturn continuing, the high cost of financing and rising constructions costs, many of our cities are still struggling to move projects forward. This needed bipartisan legislation will give them additional time to use their excess TIF funds and bring important local projects to completion.

We are grateful to Sen. Weber for chief-authoring this bill and to all the Senate members who have signed on to help bring this needed legislation forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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