

April 30, 2020

Representative Laurie Halverson, Chair House Commerce Committee Attn: <u>Travis Reese</u>, Committee Administrator 503 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St Paul, MN 55155

CC: Representative Leon Lillie

Dear Chair Halverson and members of the Commerce Committee:

On behalf of Twin Cities in Motion, I would like to express our deep appreciation for your consideration and inclusion of HF2433 in the liquor omnibus bill.

Since 1982, Twin Cities In Motion has organized the region's premier running events, including the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon, a Top 10 U.S. Marathon. As a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization TCM is proud to give back to our community by providing financial support to local youth as well as professional athletes. Collectively, TCM and its charity partners that fundraise at TCM events give back more than \$1.1 million annually to a variety of causes.

Twin Cities in Motion, like many organizations, is doing our best to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic and serve our community of participants, spectators and volunteers. We have suspended in-person events for the time being, but we haven't stopped moving. The Minnesota running community is the best-in-class, continuing to support each other and those working on the front lines during this challenging time. We recently partnered with Feeding the Frontline Minnesota, helping to raise nearly \$40,000 for local restaurants to provide nutritious meals to front-line health care workers though the generosity of runners and sponsors alike. We have also donated extra inventory of running buffs to be used as face masks and PPE for local law enforcement.

We are excited to resume our business operations when the time is right, and the ability to provide liquor on both days of Marathon Weekend is something our 5k and 10k participants have long asked for. We thank you for inclusion of HF2433 in the DE2 amendment of the liquor omnibus bill.

Most sincerely,

Michael J. Jogan

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President Twin Cities in Motion