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Members of the House Property Tax Division:

On behalf of the members of the League of Minnesota Cities and the members of Metro Cities, we want to express our joint support for the provisions contained in HF4281 as modified by the A2 amendment, Rep. Youakim's bill and amendment that reflect the deliberations of a workgroup formed by the Office of the State Auditor that included representatives of cities, counties and school districts as well as tax increment financing experts.

The Office of the State Auditor's initiative was a collaborative discussion of several provisions in state statutes governing tax increment financing that were unclear, ambiguous or confusing. The workgroup met several times from early January through February and continued the discussions electronically in recent weeks to reach consensus on clarifications to the tax increment financing provisions contained in Minn. Stat. § 469.

Our organizations want to thank Representative Youakim for authoring the bill and State Auditor Blaha and the staff of the Tax Increment Financing Division of the Office of the State Auditor for convening the workgroup and each of the other participants for their input in these thoughtful and productive discussions.

Sincerely,

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