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The Honorable Fue Lee, Chair Capital Investment Committee Minnesota House of Representatives St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing you today to urge you to support House File 1108. In 2013 the City of Barnesville was able to use a Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant to install sidewalk and lighting along a street that connects the elementary school and the athletic complex to the residential area to its east. This is a heavily traveled road prior to school, after school and during athletic events. It has made a huge difference in improving the safety for pedestrians in the area and has increased the pedestrian traffic in the area at all times of the day.

Barnesville is only one of many success stories enabled by this program. I urge you to support House File 1108 to allow for more successes like these throughout the State.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Rietz City Administrator

Cc: Members of the House Capital Investment Committee

