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Representative Paul Marquart  
Chair, House Tax Committee  
597 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Marquart,

The Minnesota State High School League appreciates your service to the State of Minnesota as well as your support of the MSHSL and its many programs. This year has been like no other in history and in the interest of safety for all participants, coaches, administrators and spectators, the MSHSL made an unprecedented and difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the State Tournaments in Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Adapted Floor Hockey. This decision was effective in avoiding the spread of the Coronavirus and yet, resulted in significant financial losses for the MSHSL.

We appreciate your efforts to provide the League with the authority to retain up to \$500,000 over the next two years from our annual transfer of funds to the MSHSL Foundation for the purpose of maintaining programming for the students in our member schools. These dollars would go directly to cover the losses incurred through this spring and are essential to the operation of the League.

Our programs provide outstanding experiences for the students of Minnesota's high schools in fine arts and athletics as well as providing recognition programs for those who excel in the classroom as well as in their activities. We appreciate your leadership and support in assisting the MSHSL in its current situation.

Sincerely,

Erich Martens  
Executive Director, Minnesota State High School League