

HF 1108

February 22, 2021

We urge you to support HF 1108 to fund Safe Routes to School in Minnesota. This funding is critical for development of accessible infrastructure to ensure that youth can safely get to school by walking and bicycling – transportation modes upon which our future depends.

As recent findings by the MPCA show that transportation is now the number one source of climate emissions in Minnesota, it is even more urgent that we facilitate walking and biking as a means of transportation, and getting our youth and future leaders in the habit of walking and bicycling to fulfill their daily transport needs. Much work has been done in planning Safe Routes to School, and funding is desperately needed to implement the infrastructure that will actually provide the “safe routes” needed for children to get to school. Please ensure that the years of planning and beginnings of implementation are not in vain. In times such as these, we need to be investing increasingly more resources into Safe Routes to School. It is quite literally a matter of life or death.

Sincerely,

We Walk in Duluth Coalition, representing:

Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community

Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails

Residents of Duluth

C: Members of the House Capital Investment Committee