



March 9, 2023

**Re: HF 1130 – Support of City Pesticide Authority**

Chair Vang and members of the House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 1130. We thank the chair, Rep. Vang, for her past work on this issue and Rep. Tabke for authoring the bill this session. The League supports the changes to pesticide regulatory authority for cities enabled in HF 1130.

The League of Minnesota Cities, through the adoption of policy *SD-68. City Pesticide Application Authority* by our Board of Directors in its 2023 City Policies, supports allowing cities to determine if a prohibition on certain classes of pesticide determined by the state to be pollinator-lethal is appropriate in their community. In particular, our policy supports that decision being optional for each city and applying to a specific list of products specified by the Department of Agriculture, rather than leaving it up to cities to determine which chemicals need to be included. Both of those items are included in this legislation.

We appreciate the efforts the chair, the author, and the Department of Agriculture have made to communicate with the League on this legislation and will continue to work with them as the bill progresses.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig A. Johnson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'C' at the beginning.

Craig A. Johnson  
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League of Minnesota Cities