



May 2, 2025

**Re: HF2440 House Jobs Omnibus Bill**

Dear Chairs Stephenson and Torkelson and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of the Greater Minnesota Partnership (GMNP), an organization focused on expanding economic prosperity in Greater Minnesota, I wanted to share our concerns with HF2440, the House Jobs Omnibus bill.

The Greater Minnesota Partnership advocates for economic development programs that support business development and expansion, job creation, and economic growth throughout Greater Minnesota. There are several key tools that support Greater Minnesota prosperity funded in the DEED budget, including the Business Development Public Infrastructure program, the Child Care Economic Development grant program, the Minnesota Investment Fund, and the Job Creation Fund. These programs help communities attract and retain businesses who pay family-sustaining wages, support small businesses and expand childcare availability. Without adequate funding for these programs, Minnesota will lose out on both supporting our current business growth and attracting new businesses to our state.

It is therefore concerning to our membership that HF2440 makes cuts to the base funding for key programs across the next two biennium. The base budget cuts that our membership are most concerned about include:

- Job Creation Fund – funding eliminated over both biennium
- Minnesota Investment Fund - funding eliminated over both biennium
- Contaminated Site Cleanup & Investigation Grants - \$1.5 million cut over both biennium
- Redevelopment Grant Program - \$2 million cut over both biennium
- Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Program - \$2.5 million cut over both biennium

Greater Minnesota communities are making investments in their economic future, but they need the state to adequately fund key programs that support business development, expansion, job creation and economic growth throughout Greater Minnesota. I encourage you to find the resources to undo these base budget cuts for key programs and thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on HF2440.

Sincerely,

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