



February 7, 2021

Representative Rena Moran, Chair  
House Ways and Means Committee  
449 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF 445-Mariani: State Aid for Emergencies (SAFE) Account and Aid Program

Dear Chair Moran:

On behalf of Metro Cities, representing cities across the seven-county metropolitan region, I am writing to express support for HF 445-Mariani that is under consideration by the Ways and Means Committee on Monday. This account would reimburse local governments for mutual aid safety costs in providing public safety for emergencies meeting defined criteria.

Metro Cities supports the language of the bill as it was introduced. Before amendments to the bill are enacted they should be fully vetted, with input from local officials, agencies and the public, to ensure that the preservation of local decision-making authority and the ability of responders to be able to effectively provide public safety services, is maintained.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Nauman  
Executive Director

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Nauman'.

Patricia Nauman  
Executive Director