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Representative Mike Freiberg  
381 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF 1231 (Freiberg) Grant funding provided to perpetuate public land survey stem monuments and associated data, report required, and money appropriated.

Dear Representative Freiberg:

The Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) is comprised of the Minnesota County Recorders Association (MCRA) and the Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Financial Officers (MACATFO) and represents county officers from all 87 Minnesota Counties.

MACO supports the Geospatial Advisory Council (GAC) efforts to seek state funding for remonumentation of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) in Minnesota.

The primary responsibility of the County Recorder is to accept and maintain a permanent public repository of real estate records. Confidence in public real property records is of critical importance to Minnesota's economy.

Because of the confidence the financial institutions have in the public record these institutions issue loans that allow for the purchase of property, maintenance of property, and funding of college education or other dreams. Precise real property records are also critical to accurate property tax and levy collection.

Accurate location and positioning of public and private land boundaries must be reestablished and preserved. If not addressed soon, the continued deterioration of the PLSS may diminish the public's confidence in Minnesota's land records and confidence in real property ownership.

Sincerely,

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