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Representative Fue Lee  
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee  
485 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Lee and Committee Members,

Thank you for including \$5 million in funding for reforestation on state DNR forest lands in the Omnibus Bonding Bill (HR 337).

This reforestation provision helps DNR meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, including purchasing native seeds and native seedlings, planting, seeding, site preparation, and protection on state lands administered by the commissioner. It also helps keep Minnesota's forests healthy and sustainable for generations to come.

I urge the entire committee to support this provision, providing a helping hand to the thousands of men and women who work in the forests and mills in Minnesota, keeping our forests *and* rural communities healthy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Birkeland'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mike' being more prominent.

Mike Birkeland  
Executive Vice President