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Rep. Alicia Kozlowski  
429 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Koslowski:

Thank you for your sponsorship of HF 4540, which would exempt certain Tribal parcels from taxation beginning in 2025.

On February 13, 2024, the Cook County Board took unanimous action to support state legislation that would create property tax exemptions for five parcels on the Grand Portage Reservation. These parcels are all in public use, and as such, the Board supports tax exemptions for them in the same way that federal and state lands in public use are exempt from property taxes.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has a respectful and growing relationship with the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on. Cook County is actively partnering with the Band on a number of programs and initiatives to increase opportunities for its members and to enable the Grand Portage community to thrive. We believe HR 4540 is a small but important step in recognizing the sovereignty of the Grand Portage Band and supporting its economic growth. Thank you for your support of this legislation, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Sullivan".

Ann Sullivan  
Board Chair

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