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Chair Lillie and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Rep. Alicia Kozlowski's House File 2091, a bill to invest in museum improvements and educational programming focused on the history of Indigenous people in Minnesota.

Minnesota is a large and diverse state, with a long and complex history. Better understanding our shared history is a benefit for everyone. The investments in House File 2091 will help make this history more accessible for all Minnesotans.

This proposal is an opportunity to both revitalize a local cultural asset, the Carnegie Library building in Park Rapids, Minnesota, and to transform it. The Giiwedining Treaty Rights and Culture Museum will be an important addition to the Park Rapids area, but also a statewide destination for Minnesotans who want to learn more about Minnesota's Indigenous history.

However, this investment is not just about the past. It is also about the present and future. This new cultural institution and improved building will also be a place where Indigenous and non-Indigenous Minnesotans will get to gather, learn, and envision a better future for our state, one where we fully recognize and actively relate to Minnesota's sovereign nations.

Please support House File 2091.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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