



April 20, 2026

Minnesota House of Representatives Taxes Committee Members
Re: Support for HF 4361 – Expansion of the Minneapolis Downtown Taxing District

Dear Co-Chair Gomez, Co-Chair Davids, and Members of the House Taxes Committee,

On behalf of Meet Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Downtown Council, we submit this joint letter of support for HF 4361, which proposes adjustments to the boundaries of the Minneapolis Downtown Taxing District while maintaining the existing tax rate.

Downtown Minneapolis continues to serve as the region's economic, cultural, and hospitality hub. As the city continues to grow and evolve, it is important that policies keep up with how people live, work, and spend time in and around downtown. This proposed boundary expansion appropriately reflects those changes, especially by recognizing that Minneapolis' North Loop neighborhood has become a thriving and connected part of downtown's economy.

Expanding the district in this way also helps create a more equitable approach by ensuring that similar businesses operating in nearby parts of downtown are treated more consistently. Including the North Loop guarantees it contributes to and benefits from the same investments as other areas of downtown.

A strong and well-defined downtown tax district is essential to sustaining Minneapolis as a competitive destination for visitors, conventions, and residents alike. HF 4361 represents a practical and forward-thinking step that supports economic development and better reflects our current downtown activity.

For these reasons, Meet Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Downtown Council respectfully urge your support for HF 4361.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Melvin Tennant
President and CEO
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