



City of Slayton, Minnesota  
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April 6, 2026

Chair Moller and Members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the City of Slayton, I am writing to express our strong support for HF 2099 and increased funding for local government emergency management.

Emergency management is a core public safety function, particularly in rural communities like ours where resources are limited but responsibilities are broad. From severe weather events to long-term recovery and planning, local emergency management plays a critical role in protecting residents, coordinating response efforts, and ensuring community resilience. HF 2099 provides a meaningful and practical investment, \$12 million annually, to support emergency management efforts across Minnesota.

In Murray County, we are fortunate to have an exceptional Emergency Manager who consistently demonstrates strong leadership, coordination, and commitment to public safety. Their work ensures that our community is not only prepared to respond to emergencies but is actively working to reduce risk before incidents occur.

Additional funding through this proposal would directly strengthen these efforts by supporting:

- Comprehensive emergency planning and preparedness
- Training for local responders and partner agencies
- Equipment and capital investments necessary for effective response
- Infrastructure improvements that enhance long-term resilience

For communities like Slayton, these resources are not just helpful, they are essential to maintaining a strong and reliable public safety system.

We respectfully urge your support for HF 2099 and continued investment in local emergency management across Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Josh Malchow  
Clerk/Administrator  
City of Slayton