

March 15, 2023

Chair Ginny Klevorn
House State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee

Re: HF 2408 - University of Minnesota; St. Anthony Falls geophysical study funding provided, report required, and money appropriated

Chair Klevorn and Committee Members,

The City of Minneapolis is pleased to write in support of Representative Jordan's bill, HF 2408.

HF 2408 provides funding for a geophysical study and hazard assessment of the St. Anthony Falls area and St. Anthony Falls cutoff wall. Community members have brought forth concerns about the cutoff wall structure that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) constructed over a century ago to stabilize the falls. On behalf of the City, Mayor Frey formally requested that USACE inspect the infrastructure of the cutoff wall to ensure that it is in sound and safe condition. To date, they have not committed to that inspection.

As we await inspection by USACE, it would be informative to undertake the study funded in HF 2408. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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