



March 27, 2024

Re: HF 3992

Dear House Property Tax Division Chair, Rep. Dave Lislegard and Committee Members:

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), on behalf of Minnesota's 87 counties, **supports HF 3992.**

AMC has a strong interest in ensuring uninterrupted and quality ambulance services for every community in Minnesota. Operating costs for EMS services have risen and reimbursement rates have not kept pace. Moreover, workforce and staffing challenges have compounded this problem and created an ongoing deficit statewide. \$122 million in HF 3992 would serve as a stopgap measure to address immediate funding shortfalls statewide and buy time for the Legislature and advocates to develop a sustainable funding model in the long term.

EMS providers offer essential and lifesaving care to all Minnesotans. Without this funding, we risk closure or reduction in EMS services, which is something we cannot afford. Again, AMC strongly encourages you to **support HF 3992.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Zacharias". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "Z".

Nathan Zacharias, Technology Policy Analyst
Association of Minnesota Counties