



January 6, 2023

Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

We write to express our enthusiastic support for the Northern Lights Express (NLX) project as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the construction of the Northern Lights Express passenger railway project between Duluth/Superior and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

This critical piece of infrastructure would serve as a vital, efficient, sustainable connector between the Twin Cities metro area and northeastern Minnesota. The enhanced connectivity provided by NLX would allow Minnesotans to better access businesses, attractions, and have an economic impact all along the line.

As infrastructure spending is prioritized, we ask for your support for NLX, which has a finding of no significant impact and is shovel ready. Thank you for what you do in service to Duluth, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and our country.

Sincerely,

Mayor Emily Larson
City of Duluth

Mayor Jacob Frey,
City of Minneapolis

Cc:

Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Tina Smith
Representative Ilhan Omar
Representative Pete Stauber
Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger