



January 31, 2023

Dear Chair Lislegard and Members, House Property Tax Division,

On behalf of the members of the League of Minnesota Cities and the members of Metro Cities, we want to express our joint support for the provisions contained in HF 880-Gomez. This bill reflects the deliberations of a workgroup formed last year by the Office of the State Auditor that included representatives of cities, counties, and school districts as well as tax increment financing experts.

The Office of the State Auditor's initiative and the workgroup was a collaborative discussion of several provisions in state statutes governing tax increment financing that were unclear, ambiguous, or confusing. The workgroup met several times to reach consensus on clarifications to the tax increment financing provisions contained in Minn. Stat. § 469.

Our organizations want to thank Representative Gomez for authoring the bill, State Auditor Blaha and the staff of the Tax Increment Financing Division of the Office of the State Auditor for convening the workgroup to discuss these issues, and the participants for their input and collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary N. Carlson".

Gary Carlson
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Nauman".

Patricia Nauman
Metro Cities