



February 22, 2022

Chair Michael Nelson
Minnesota State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Nelson,

We are writing on behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities and Association of Minnesota Counties to express our support for HF 1815 (Klevorn). This would extend the time for opening and processing absentee ballots and allow voters to deposit their absentee ballots in the ballot tabulator from 7 to 14 days.

Those who vote in-person absentee prior to the seven days before election day much prefer to place their ballots directly into a tabulator. In the event that a ballot counter rejects a ballot due to marking errors, voters are able to correct errors and ensure that their vote is tabulated. Additionally, this legislation would give additional time to process absentee ballots which would provide administrative relief in the weeks leading up to election day.

Both the League of Minnesota Cities and Association of Minnesota Counties support this extended timeframe. We appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Hassel".

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