



Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Representative Liz Olson
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Chair Olson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share input with the Committee today. It is encouraging to see the progress today's committee hearing signals toward the enactment of a capital investment package in the remaining days of this legislative session. I am grateful to Chair Lee and the Capital Investment Committee for their work on the bills before the committee today. I know how much time Chair Lee, Lead Urdahl, and members of this committee have spent touring the state to understand needs; thank you for that work. As we saw in the requests from state agencies and local governments leading into this session, the need for infrastructure investments across our state is high, and there is significant competition for limited resources in this bill area.

I have appreciated the time that Chair Lee has taken to hear input from the Administration and look forward to further engagement as these bills move forward. In the updated package under consideration for the committee today, I would especially note gratitude for the continued inclusion of the Department of Public Safety BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory and Department of Corrections Rush City Education and Programming Expansion along with the additional resources now included for the Public Facilities Authority grant programs. Moving forward, I will be eager for additional conversations on asset preservation in light of the Governor's recommendations, which devote 45% to this core priority, and other key projects.

Thank you again for your work. We look forward to continued partnership.

Sincerely,


Erin Campbell
Commissioner

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