



March 13, 2023

Senator John Hoffman  
Chair Human Services  
95 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn  
Chair Public Safety Finance and Policy  
559 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 2691 and HF 2736

Dear Senator Hoffman and Representative Becker-Finn;

I am writing in regards to your proposed bills to modify how ambulance service is licensed and operated in the State. The City of Grand Rapids opposes this proposed bill because as it is written, has various outcomes, both good and bad, depending on where you are located in the State.

It appears that the proposed changes are predominantly a result of issues related to metropolitan cities and townships. Granted there are likely issues outside of the metropolitan area, however, they would likely be served by other future proposed amendments.

The City is requesting that your proposed bill be narrowed down to focusing on the seven-county metropolitan area. This will then give counties and cities outside of the metropolitan area time to assess issue and develop recommendations for you to consider at next year's legislative session.

Thank you for considering the City's input.

Regards,

Tom Pagel  
City administrator

CC: City Council, Itasca County Board, Senator Justin Eichorn, Representative Ben Davis