



March 8, 2023

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair, House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee
545 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Vang and Members of the Agriculture Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports HF 1130 (Tabke), which is being heard in the Agriculture Committee on Thursday.

City officials must have an adequate level of local decision-making authority in order to serve the local needs of the community. HF 1130 allows cities to regulate pollinator-lethal pesticides in a manner that best suits the needs of their local jurisdiction. Metro Cities appreciates that the language in this bill is permissive, leaving the choice to regulate these pesticides up to the people who live where these products may be used. Metro Cities also supports and appreciates language in the bill that directs the Department of Agriculture to maintain a list of pollinator-lethal pesticides on their website for cities to reference if they choose to regulate the use of these products within their jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mike' and last name 'Lund' clearly distinguishable.

Mike Lund
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