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The Honorable Lyndon Carlson, Chair  
House Ways and Means Committee  
479 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
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Dear Chairman Carlson,

On behalf of the Department of Administration (Admin), I am writing to commend the work done by Chairman Nelson in House File 1935, the Omnibus State Government Finance Bill, to fund essential operations of state government. By fully funding Governor Walz's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration, you are making investments that directly impact the livelihood of Minnesotans as well maintain cherished public infrastructure.

HF1935 funds a robust outreach effort for Census 2020 that will give us the best opportunity for a complete count ensuring every Minnesotan is counted. A complete count is essential if Minnesota is to have a chance at maintaining its current level of federal representation as well as Minnesota's fair share of federal dollars.

The Omnibus State Government Finance Bill leverages federal funds for the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) that serves Minnesota's business community. This small team has helped Minnesota businesses build the capacity to effectively compete for and earn more than \$300 million in local, state and federal contracts since joining Admin in 2017. This investment in PTAC will further expand its geographic reach by adding three counselors in Greater Minnesota and one in the metropolitan area.

The budget level for In-Lieu-of-Rent included in the bill will ensure that the newly restored State Capitol is properly maintained as recommended by the Capitol Preservation Commission. The approved maintenance plan will protect the public's investment and prevent future disrepair that necessitated such an extensive restoration effort.

Finally, the operating adjustment for the department will allow us meet our retirement obligations while continuing to provide the exceptional services that Minnesotans expect.

I understand the budget pressures and competing priorities facing the committee and appreciate the efforts to fund priorities. Nonetheless, we must note the negative impact that cuts to professional and technical contracts can have. As this legislation moves to the House floor and conference committee, I encourage you to reconsider these cuts.

Again, thank you for your consideration and inclusion of the Governor's budget recommendations. We look forward to working with you through the conference committee process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "ARoberts-Davis".

Alice Roberts-Davis, Commissioner  
Department of Administration

Cc: Representative Melissa Hortman, Speaker of the House  
Representative Michael Nelson, Chairman, House State Government Finance Division