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Subject: Please support the Minnesota State Band: Legacy Conference Committee - HF2563

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Dear legislators of the Legacy Conference Committee:

As a member of the Minnesota State Band (a 50-piece symphonic wind band), I am asking for your continued support of arts funding in HF2563 (the Legacy Finance Bill), which would provide us with \$25,000 for each of the next two years.

Please support this provision on line 81.23:

<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/cc/Default?type=bill&year=2025-94&bill=HF-2563>

We strive to provide high-quality music to all Minnesotans, yet residents in smaller towns often lack the opportunities to hear live music available in the Twin Cities metro area. The proposed funding would enable us to book venues, transportation, and lodging to bring free concerts to these underserved communities.

During the 2024-2025 winter season, prior Legacy funding enabled us to reach communities in Montevideo, Willmar, Moose Lake, Grand Rapids, and Cloquet:

<https://minnesotastateband.org/concerts.html>

<https://minnesotastateband.org/concerts2024.html>

Please enjoy this recording of our recent concert at the Minnesota History Center on April 26th, which I produced for the band's outreach efforts (YouTube playlist):

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKiNdhydRxRsffnRuV4tr7b99fCKTP1HR>

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Minnesota arts.

—Eric Laska

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The Minnesota State Band at Sinclair Lewis Park, Sauk Centre, Minnesota – June 19, 2019.