



WILDERNESS INQUIRY

March 29, 2023

The Honorable Leon Lillie, Chair
Legacy Finance Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
365 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for Wilderness Inquiry in House Legacy Finance Omnibus Bill (HF1999)

Chair Lillie and Members of the House Legacy Finance Committee:

I am writing to thank you for including funding in support of Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile and Pyramid of Engagement programming in the Legacy Finance Omnibus Bill for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

As we had the opportunity to detail before the committee last month, this grant from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund will help connect 11,000 youth and families—from every region of Minnesota—to hands-on activities in the outdoors that teach about the history and cultural heritage of our state. Our core belief is that everyone belongs in the outdoors, and it is thanks to your support that Wilderness Inquiry will be able to continue to deliver on its mission to connect people of all ages, backgrounds, identities, and abilities through shared outdoor adventures so that all people can equitably experience the benefits of time spent in nature.

We are grateful to be included in the House Legacy Finance Omnibus Bill, and would be eager to provide any additional information as HF1999 moves through the legislative process in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

Erika Rivers
Executive Director, Wilderness Inquiry