



City of Lakeville
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Representative Erin Koegel
445 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Koegel:

We have recently become aware of HF 246/SF 74 which would repeal the prohibition of any state spending on the Dan Patch commuter rail line. The City of Lakeville has consistently opposed this proposed commuter rail line and continues to do so. The tracks for this route are aligned directly adjacent to an existing neighborhood and proceed through our downtown. Any rail operations along these tracks would significantly impact the quality of life for these residents.

Further, with the continuing cost overruns with existing rail projects, it is highly unlikely that a commuter route such as this would ever come close to being financially successful. We believe the current law should remain in place.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Luke Hellier
Mayor

cc: Lakeville City Council
Lakeville Legislative Delegation