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To The MN House Transportation Finance and Policy:

I want the state to spend money on the Northern Lights Express project! I want my tax dollars to fund this project! I want to be able to travel via train with my young family from Duluth to Minneapolis (and I hope, one day to Rochester) so that we can visit friends, use the train to get to extended family in Rochester for the holidays, shop, adventure in the big city, and more!

This project is important to me, to the City of Duluth, to the State of Minnesota, the Nation, and the World, because:

- **It takes cars off of the road:** slowing and reducing the impact of climate change. Climate change is the single most important issue right now that will impact the liveability of our world for generations to come. How do you want your sons, daughters, grandchildren and beyond to live? Let's work on this together!
- **It promotes economic growth and productivity:** commuters can work on the train. Tourists, travelers, and workers will bring money into the communities that they are "training" to.
- **Trains are safer** than cars as a mode of transportation.
- **Riding the train lowers stress levels and promotes wellbeing:** I can relax with my family on the train, and move around, instead of having to concentrate on the road.

Please give this project the financial support it needs to succeed and serve the people of Minnesota!

Earnestly,

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