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Sen. Carlson, Rep. Freiberg, Rep. Klevorn, and Sen. Murphy,

We are writing to recommend the inclusion of three provisions in House File 1830, the State and Local Government budget and policy bill and to highlight our priorities in the Elections budget and policy bill.

**First, we support the Buy Clean, Buy Fair provisions from Senate File 2156 (Murphy) and House File 2170 (Berg).** Buy Clean, Buy Fair would require that materials used in the construction (or major renovation) of state buildings over 50,000 square feet or trunk highways include a Type III Environmental Product Declaration, as certified by the International Organization for Standard's 14025 Standard. Please include this language and its related appropriation in either this bill or the Environment and Climate omnibus bill, where the language is advancing through the House.

**Second, we support the Infrastructure Resilience Advisory Task Force from Senate File 2651 (Carlson) and House File 2405 (Koegel).** Minnesota communities are already taking steps to build climate resilience, but we do not yet have an approach that connects across state government and levels of government in Minnesota in a fully coordinated way. This task force will help address this gap.

**Third, we support the \$5m appropriation in FY 24-25 in support of the Collaboration for Data Disaggregation from the Walz-Flanagan budget recommendations.** Each Minnesota community is unique with strengths and needs that can sometimes be hidden behind overly general census categories. By sharpening the focus on the demographic subcategories across the state enterprise our government will be better able to serve Minnesotans. This is an overdue need, one we can and should address in the next biennium.

On the Elections portion of the bill, **we recommend adoption of a 45 day early absentee voting period** and we appreciate the inclusion the following provisions:

- Right to be absent from work in order to vote during the early absentee voting
- Requiring postsecondary institutions to provide residential housing lists to County Auditors
- Requiring the facilitation of voting assistance for residents of assisted living facilities
- Codifying the State Canvassing Board's role in declaring that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes is the winner
- Including utility workers in the definition of Emergency Response Providers
- Appropriations to a) the Attorney General's office to enforce election worker protections and b) provide grants to improve polling place accessibility, and the unrestricting of HAVA funding.

Thank you for all your work creating a better Minnesota,

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