

April 22, 2022

To: Representative Rena Moran, Chair

House Ways and Means Committee

From: Bob Djupstrom, Secretary

Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (FMSNA)

3895 Cranbrook Drive, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Re: Subject: HF4492 - Supplemental Environment and Natural Resources  
Omnibus Bill; **Written Testimony in Support of Maintenance Funding  
for Scientific and Natural Areas**

The Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas wishes to thank the Chair and Committee for including consideration of \$3.3 million of funding in HF4492 (Article 1, Section 3, lines 12.4 to 12.12) to help address and deal with the significant backlog of maintenance on sites administered by the SNA Program.

For the record, I supervised the Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) Program, within Minnesota DNR from 1981 to 2006, at which time I retired. I currently serve as the Secretary of the Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas, a Minnesota nonprofit tax exempt “501(c)(3)” organization, dedicated to the protection and management of Scientific and Natural Areas, the “crown jewels” of our state land base.

I also offer the attached document entitled “Lack of Maintenance Threatens Minnesota’s Scientific and Natural Areas” for inclusion in the hearing record. This document **first** summarizes the rationale for increasing maintenance on sites in the SNA Program and **second** provides the detail of where these resources are needed.

Again, thank you to the Chair and Committee members for including consideration to provide the financial resources necessary to address the maintenance needs in the SNA Program, in HF4492.