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Representative Jenny Klevorn, Chair
House State and Local Government Finance and Policy
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Chair Klevorn and Members of the House State and Local Government Committee,

The Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) represents Minnesota's larger and faster growing counties including four suburban and eleven Greater Minnesota counties.

As key partners in implementing state policy and program priorities, the work of county governments intersects with multiple state agencies and state technology systems. Ensuring those systems are modern, effective, and secure is fundamental to public agency operations at all levels.

County governments also face an increasing barrage of ever more sophisticated cybersecurity threats that put substantial public and taxpayer resources at risk. To help respond to those threats, and maintain essential land survey monuments, our MICA appreciates and supports provisions included in HF1830, the House State Government Finance Omnibus Bill:

- **Article 1, section 10 and Article 2, Section 40**, providing \$2.2 million in FY2024 and \$3.5 million in FY2025 for grants to county governments to help address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats. This funding will help ensure local governments can fully leverage federal and local resources in response to evolving cybersecurity challenges.
- **Article 1, section 10 (h) with Article 2, section 47**, appropriating \$16 million in FY2024 and \$4 million in FY2025 for public land survey system monument grant program, along with \$1 million each year for grants to counties to employ county technical staff.

Thank you, Chair Klevorn and committee, for your work on the omnibus budget bill.



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