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Co-Chairs Peter Fischer and Josh Heintzeman
Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Co-Chairs Fischer and Heintzeman:

Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness is grateful for the opportunity to provide this letter to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

The purpose of this letter is to apologize for the accidental inclusion of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (“LCCMR”) logo in a social-media post on a topic not related to the LCCMR.

Friends of the Boundary Waters is very grateful for the support that we have received through the LCCMR. We currently have a proposal entitled, “Cultivating Conservation Leaders Through Education and Wilderness Experiences,” that was approved by the LCCMR on December 10, 2025 and recommended for funding in the amount of \$1,252,000.

This project will enable us to foster the next generation of conservation leaders and increase access to the Boundary Waters through environmental education and immersive wilderness experiences for 12,000 students throughout Minnesota. We will provide at least 600 students with life-changing wilderness canoe trips in the Boundary Waters. We will also cultivate outdoor leadership in a year-long program for 60 students statewide, deepening their connection to the outdoors and potential careers in conservation.

Again, Friends of the Boundary Waters apologizes for our mistake in including the LCCMR logo in social-media post unrelated to the LCCMR. We have taken steps to ensure that this mistake will not happen again.

Thank you again for the support that we have received from the LCCMR and the Minnesota Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Knopf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Knopf
Executive Director