

April 17, 2024

Representative Aisha Gomez
Chair, House Taxes Committee
453 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 5247, Support for SCORE allocation

Dear Chair Gomez and Members of the House Taxes Committee,

The Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Inter-County Association, the Solid Waste Administrators Association and the Partnership on Waste and Energy wish to thank you, Chair Gomez, and the Committee for inclusion of a one-time additional allocation of SCORE recycling grant funding in the Omnibus Tax Bill.

Our organizations have been working with Rep. Hornstein and many others this session on increasing the SCORE funding that counties need to keep waste out of landfills and waste-to-energy facilities and meet state recycling mandates. SCORE grants provide local governments with resources to reduce waste, foster reuse and recycling, divert organics and prevent environmental pollution from landfills.

This one-time appropriation will be very helpful as counties address the ever-increasing trash quantity and toxicity challenges counties and communities face.

Thank you,



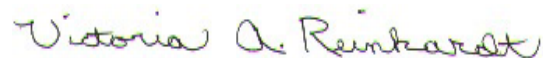
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