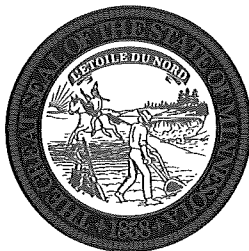


May 16, 2018



Governor Mark Dayton
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton,

We are writing to request your participation with the proposed reforms to the Metropolitan Council's governance model as detailed in Senate File 2809 and House File 3273. While we appreciate your prior willingness to meet with the bill authors, we strongly believe that your engagement in the conference committee process is an important perspective if we are to be successful in this endeavor.

As you are aware, there is a bipartisan effort at the federal level to remove the Metropolitan Council's federal exemption from the requirement that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) have democratically-elected representation. Should this effort succeed, the current governance structure of the Metropolitan Council will be insufficient and will result in the inability of the council to manage public services such as transportation, parks, sewage and housing.

For this reason, we believe that reforms to the Metropolitan Council's governance structure are necessary to ensure that the council can continue to provide these services to the seven-county metropolitan region. These reforms will provide metro county taxpayers with a greater voice, which will bring much needed stability, credibility and accountability to the Metropolitan Council.

We would sincerely like to work together on passing bipartisan reforms that will allow the Metropolitan Council to effectively serve the communities that it represents. We stand ready to continue this discussion and will welcome your participation and input.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator Eric Pratt.

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Handwritten signature of Senator Jerry Newton.

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Handwritten signature of Senator Scott Jensen.

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Handwritten signature of Senator John Hoffman.

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