

March 10, 2026

Senator Hawj
Chair of the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy

Re: SF 1980 – Assessment for each mattress and box spring sold in the state to fund grants to local governments to expand mattress recycling establishment; appropriating money

Dear Chair Hawj and Members,

The City of Minneapolis supports of SF 1980, with clarification or a minor modification, to provide support for existing and the expansion of mattress recycling programs. The City of Minneapolis, to our knowledge, operates the largest mattress recycling program in the state, collecting 23,000 - 26,000 mattresses each year. It's an expensive program that is currently paid for by our customers fees for collection service. While the funds collected and remitted by this bill will not cover all costs associated with our mattress recycling program, we appreciate that it will allow us to recover a portion of our costs.

To ensure we receive our fair share of the funds, we would appreciate clarification of how the 75% of the mattress be distributed annually to counties and cities based on population using State Demographic Center estimates. As written, we do not have a clear understanding of how the City would receive reimbursement compared to Hennepin County.

Alternatively, to more appropriately allocate funding based on mattress recycling programs performance, we recommend the language be amended so that 75% of the funds are distributed based on the percent of mattresses recycled by the reporting jurisdiction (city, county, waste district) of the total mattresses recycled in the State.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for considering these recommended improvements to the bill.

Sincerely,



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