



March 25, 2025

Chair and Senator Fong Hawj
Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Room 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
95 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for SF 1973 - Funding for Sweet Potato Comfort Pie

Dear Senator Hawj,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public since 1919. With our statewide membership and local Leagues across urban, suburban, and rural communities, we envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

LWVMN believes that Sweet Potato Comfort Pie (SPCP) should receive an appropriation of \$500,000 to continue its vital work building and caring for the community. We have partnered with SPCP for the past five years in their extraordinary Juneteenth and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr events, and have been a witness to their unique ability to engage community and promote racial healing. Their work is needed more than ever, to educate people about our history, to honor and support diverse leaders so their voices are at the table, to encourage multi-generational and multi-racial cooperation, and to provide meaningful opportunities for all people to come together and build strategies that help to create communities where everyone belongs!

We urge your support for SF 1973 and look forward to seeing the benefits that this funding provides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Witte". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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