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Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

March 28, 2025

To: Representative Franson and Representative Lee

Subject: Support the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility

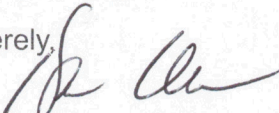
Dear Ms. Franson and Mr. Lee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility, currently known as the Community Activity Center. I write this letter for 2 reasons, the first as a Board Member of the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association for the past 30 years. I know firsthand the value a facility like this and how it would play in serving Brooklyn Park and all those around us. Our program supports 3,500-4,000 kids every year, from age 5 to 21, in the sports of baseball, basketball, softball, soccer, wrestling and football. We draw kids from every city that touches our borders and we never turn a child away because of cost. We are getting pinched every day by the school districts who have their own financial woes and seemingly, are trying to gain it back by pricing programs like ours out of a place to play. Building the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility in our backyard will help us enhance the opportunities for kids close to us.

The second is as a resident of Brooklyn Park for over 30 years, looking forward to growing even older here. This athletic facility won't just serve the youth of our area, it will serve the Baby Boomers like myself, giving me a place to go relax if I want, exercise if I want, or just be part of the community that has given me so much over the years. Right now, we really do not have that place.

I urge you to support funding for the expansion and help ensure our region has the recreational infrastructure it needs.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,


Dan Williams

BPAA Director at Large/Brooklyn Park Resident

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March 30, 2025

Sam Paurus
PO Box 152
Champlin, MN 55316

Subject: Support the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility

Dear Co-Chair Franson and Co-Chair Lee and Members of the Capital Investment Committee

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility, currently known as the Community Activity Center. As the President of Champlin Hockey Association (CPYHA), I have seen firsthand the vital role this facility plays in serving Brooklyn Park and the surrounding northwest metro region. CPYHA purchases approximately \$90,000 in ice annually from Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center to support youth hockey players up to 9th grade. Without the Brooklyn Park Ice Arena located within the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center, we would not be able to support the ice required for all of our hockey players. Brooklyn Park Ice Arena is critical to the success of our core mission which is to offer community hockey to as many youth hockey players within our Minnesota Hockey boundaries.

With over 350,000 visitors annually, the Community Activity Center is a hub for youth sports, adult recreation, and cultural gatherings. However, for over 20 years, our region has faced a shortage of gym space, limiting opportunities for young athletes and forcing families to seek recreational options outside the area, creating deep obstacles. The proposed improvements - including a multi-court gym, expanded event spaces, ADA-compliant entrances, and upgraded parking - will ensure the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility continues to meet the needs of our growing and diverse population for decades to come.

This investment will strengthen our entire region by providing more access to recreation, boosting the local economy, and creating space for large community events that bring people together. Supporting this project means supporting community safety, youth engagement, and regional economic growth.

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Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Paurus
President of Champlin Park Youth Hockey

House Capital Investment Committee
Minnesota State Capital
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St Paul, Minnesota 55155



March 28, 2025

Subject: Support the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility – HF971

Dear Co-Chair Representatives Franson and Lee,

I am writing to express my staunch support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility – HF971, currently known as an addition to Community Activity Center. As a business that is responsible for tourism for the City of Brooklyn Park, I have seen firsthand the vital role this facility plays in serving Brooklyn Park and the surrounding northwest metro region along with visitors and events that need the facility to utilize for events that come to the area. In addition, as a parent of an athlete, it is imperative that we have great facilities for our youth to utilize.

With over 350,000 visitors annually, this facility is a hub for youth sports, adult recreation, and cultural gatherings. However, for over 20 years, our region has faced a shortage of gym space, limiting opportunities for young athletes and forcing families to seek recreational options outside the area, creating deep obstacles. The proposed improvements - including a multi-court gym, expanded event spaces, ADA-compliant entrances, and upgraded parking - will ensure the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility continues to meet the needs of our growing and diverse population and visitors for decades to come.

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Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Wright
President and CEO, Minneapolis Northwest Tourism

Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association

Colin Steen – President
7183 Weston Lane N.
Maple Grove, MN 55311



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Capital Investment Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility, currently known as the Community Activity Center. As the President of Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association, I know firsthand the important role this facility plays in serving not only Brooklyn Park, but the surrounding northwest metro region. Our association works hard to grow the game of hockey in the northwest metro area with many "Try Hockey for Free" events held at the Brooklyn Park CAC each year. The improvement and expansion plan will allow for this facility to continue to attract youth and families in the area for all sports and multiple activities.

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Support Letter for HF971

Cindy Hill
9000 Telford Xing
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

March 29th, 2025

Subject: Support the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility

Dear Co-Chair, Franson and members of the Capital Investment Committee

I am writing to express my dedicated support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility, currently known as the Community Activity Center. As a 38yr resident and a 35yr business owner in Brooklyn Park, I have seen firsthand the vital role this facility plays in serving Brooklyn Park and the surrounding northwest metro region. I have been running a youth nonprofit organization in Brooklyn Park since 2011, with the mission of being their gateway to success in life. We started as a basketball program, which was the carrot to bring them into our program. But we offer different programs and services for them and their families. Please check out our website; <https://minnesotachillfoundation.org/>.

We need the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility in our city to change the narrative of Brooklyn Park, a pass-through city! I was able to attend the soft opening of the new restaurant "Tavern at Edinburgh" and I did a post on LinkedIn titled "Brooklyn Park's Best-Kept Secret is Out!" as of today there is over 2K impressions for this post. Last year I was a committee member for the 50th Anniversary of the national known Gus Macker basketball Tournament, first year hosted in Brooklyn Park. We had over 3K people attend this two-day tournament at North Hennepin Community College, the farthest teams were from California! We are hosting again this year. We all know the saying "if you build it their will come" we want to change it to "when." The Northwest Metro Regional Athletic Facility will be a destination that offers possibilities for many functions!

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Three Rivers Figure Skating Club

5600 85th Ave North
Brooklyn Park, MN



Subject: Support the Northwest Metro Regional Athletics Facility

Dear Co-Chair Franson, Co-Chair Lee and Members of the Capital Investment Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Three Rivers Figure Skating Club (TRFSC) to express our strong support for the City of Brooklyn Park's request for \$9.5 million to expand and improve the Northwest(NW) Metro Regional Athletics Facility, currently known as the Community Activity Center (CAC). As a nonprofit organization serving skaters of all ages and skill levels in the northwest metro, we have seen firsthand the essential role this facility plays in our community.

Our club has long called the NW Metro Regional Athletics Facility home for almost 30 years. Our club membership draws skaters and families from Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Champlin, Minneapolis, Osseo, Maple Grove, Crystal, New Hope, Dayton, Anoka, Plymouth and beyond. We use the two ice sheets to train the next generation of figure skaters—from beginners taking their first steps on the ice to competitive athletes representing our region.

We rely on this facility not only for practices, competitions, and ice shows but also for building community, confidence, and character in young people. Families from all over the metro come here to participate in figure skating, hockey, basketball, and other community programming—and when they do, they eat at local restaurants, shop at local stores, and contribute to the local economy.

With more than 350,000 annual visitors, the NW Metro Regional Athletics Facility is clearly in high demand, but the space is no longer meeting the growing needs of our region. The proposed improvements, including a multi-court gym, expanded event spaces, ADA-compliant entrances, and upgraded parking—will allow the NW Metro Regional Athletics Facility to continue serving as a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone, now and into the future.

Investing in this facility is an investment in community safety, youth engagement, economic development, and regional vitality. We urge you to support **HF 971** to help fund this expansion and preserve access to critical resources like the NW Metro Regional Athletics Facility for all who depend on it.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Fercho

President, Three Rivers Figure Skating Club
Task Force Member – NW Metro Regional Athletics Facility