

TO: Chair Becker-Finn and Rep. Rasmusson FROM: MN Regional Railroads Association

SUBJECT: Support for HF 3605 DATE: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

HF3605 (Rasmusson) Broadband; financial assistance program to extend service to unserved areas established, and process to allow existing easements for use of service established.

Chair Becker-Finn and Rep. Rasmusson:

The MN Regional Railroads Association is made up of 18 railroads that crisscross Minnesota, four Class 1's fourteen short lines. We want to thank the author of the bill, Rep. Rasmusson and the advocates for their willingness to work with the Association to address our concerns about railroad right of way. We stand in support of this bill and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

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