

March 18, 2022

Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen
Chair, Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee
3207 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF) transfer (S.F. 4117)

Dear Chair Ingebrigtsen,

The Partnership on Waste and Energy (Partnership) is a Joint Powers Board consisting of Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties, formed to address waste management and energy issues. The Partnership seeks to end waste, promote renewable energy and enhance the health and resiliency of communities we serve.

The Partnership supports S.F. 4117 to repay funds borrowed from the Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF). A 2010 law transferred \$48 million out of the CLIF to the state's General Fund. Repayment, with lost interest and other investment earnings, was to be made during FYs 2014-2017. Only the FY2014 repayment was made. The remaining dollars, plus lost interest, still have not been repaid.

The CLIF is now available for use on landfill clean-up projects. The 2021 Legislature set up an annual limit of up to \$4.5 million for use on projects, with limited additional emergency use authority granted to the MPCA. However, the CLIF will run out of funding to clean up and permanently maintain the landfills that are in the program, as well as others anticipated to be added in the future. Current estimates are that the 114 landfills in the closed landfill program will require over \$300 million in care over the next 30 years.

The Partnership thanks you for authoring S.F. 4117 to restore over \$43.6 million to the CLIF. We encourage the committee you chair to pass the bill and begin to stabilize the resources needed to clean up pollution from closed landfills and provide long-term protection of public health and the environment.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Fran Miron, Washington County
Chair, Partnership on Waste and Energy

cc: Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee members