March 26, 2024

Dear Chair Klevorn and State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee Members:

RE: Testimony for HF3345

As a local Green Team, we are always looking for the most effective methods to communicate and provide information with our residents and local businesses. It requires a local approach since many communities are at different stages in their sustainability efforts.

We support the repeal of the 'bag ban'. We realize this is a repeal and not a ban on plastic bags. It will be so much easier to talk with local businesses now about alternatives to plastic bags without the "we can't do anything because the state bans us from dealing with it" We know our businesses and residents care about sustainability and are smart enough to find the solution that works for them.

Having Senator Gustafson and Representative Curran as co-authors on the bills is very important to us as these legislators represent our community of Vadnais Heights and they are listening to what their constituents think is important-<u>the repeal of the bag ban</u>.

Thank you for considering the testimony of the Vadnais Heights Green Team.

Sincerely, Judy Lissick Spokesperson, Vadnais Heights Green Team jlissick@gmail.com