



# Friends of Minnesota Scientific & Natural Areas

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair  
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

VIA E-MAIL ONLY  
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Re: HF 4498 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 (12:45 p.m.)  
**Request to Add HF 2946 to bill**

Dear Representative Hansen and Committee Members:

Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (FMSNA) is a Minnesota non-profit, tax-exempt [“501(c)(3)”] corporation whose mission is to advocate for the protection, management, and perpetuation of Minnesota’s Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs).

On March 5, 2020, we testified at your committee’s hearing in favor of HF 2946, a bill to allocate \$133,000, from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF):

“... to provide hunters with outreach and workshops on alternatives to lead ammunition for hunting, including copper ammunition as an alternative, and to promote voluntary selection of nontoxic ammunition to protect raptors and other wildlife in Minnesota from accidental lead poisoning caused by ingesting ammunition fragments.”

In the interest of public and environmental health, we respectfully request that HF 4498 be amended to add funding of this program, as described in HF 2946. (See attachment.)

On behalf of FMSNA, I **thank you** in advance for your kind consideration. Please contact me any time, if you have questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure: HF 2946