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February 13, 2023

Representative Dave Lislegard, Chair Property Tax Division 451 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Letter of Support for HF 1427

Dear Representative Lislegard;

The City of Grand Rapids fully supports HF 1427. Although our City does not have a coal fired power plant, the closing of such a facility in the City of Cohasset has major impacts to our businesses and residents though the loss of tax capacity to our school district and county. It also has major negative impacts from an economic perspective.

It is imperative to remember that we are ONE COMMUNITY, with multiple cities and townships. When something bad happens to one of our cities or townships, it negatively affects the rest of the Community and when something positive occurs in one of our cities or townships, it positively affects our Community.

Please pass HF 1427 so that we can create POSITIVE impacts to our COMMUNITY.

Regards,

Tom Pagel, P.E.

City Administrator

CC: Grand Rapids City Council

Max Peters, Cohasset City Administrator