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Dear Members of the Omnibus State Government Finance Conference Committee,

We write regarding the changes proposed to the administrative rulemaking process in the House State Government Finance Bill (S.F. 888, Article 2, Sections 14 - 23). Our organizations all oppose these changes.

A few of our organizations have testified during committee hearings regarding our individual concerns. While not every one of us has testified, we agree in our opposition to the proposal. Our shared major concerns are:

- The proposal creates a system where economic impact trumps all other concerns, such as consumer and worker protections, public health, air and water quality, and privacy concerns.
- The proposal would undermine long-standing and successful environmental regulation
- The proposal creates duplicative and redundant processes with little to no added value to the system.

As you put together the final omnibus state government finance bill we ask these provisions not be included.

Sincerely,



Steve Morse, Executive Director
Minnesota Environmental Partnership

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| Alliance for Sustainability | Conservation Minnesota |
| Audubon Society of St. Paul | CURE (Clean Up the River Environment) |
| Environment Minnesota | Minnesota Food Association |
| Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness | Minnesota Land Trust |
| Friends of the Cloquet Valley State Forest | Minnesota Ornithologists' Union |
| Friends of the Mississippi River | Minnesota Project |
| Friends of the Parks & Trails of St. Paul & Ramsey County | Minnesota Renewable Energy Society |
| Izaak Walton League - Minnesota Division | MN350 |
| Izaak Walton League of America - Midwest Office | Renewing the Countryside |
| Land Stewardship Project | Sierra Club - North Star Chapter |
| League of Women Voters Minnesota | St. Croix River Association |
| Lower Phalen Creek Project | Transit For Livable Communities |
| Mankato Area Environmentalists | Urban Roots |
| Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy | Voyageurs National Park Association |
| Minnesota Conservation Federation | WaterLegacy |
| | Will Steger Foundation |