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Subject: Looking for your help
Attachments: List of State Departments and Agencies 2020.docx

RAMS MEMBERS:

With the passage of the bonding bill and supplemental tax bill yesterday by the MN Senate, the main focus of the legislature is complete. While they may get called back for another special session in November & December if Governor Walz wants to extend his executive powers, little if any other legislation will be addressed.

That means that we have to quickly prepare for what will be a very challenging and contentious legislative session starting on January 5th, 2021. The Legislature will be charged with passing a tax bill and a balanced budget all while dealing with a deficit that has been estimated between \$4.5Billion and \$6.3 Billion!! One of the top priority of RAMS will be to try and protect the State employees who work in greater Minnesota as there will certainly be reductions in staffing and department funding in order to achieve a balanced budget. We fought hard and with great Iron Range delegation support we were able to save the Togo Corrections from closure, but rest assured, positions in greater Minnesota will be targeted as the powers that be, reside in the Metro, not rural Minnesota.

I need you to think about the people and perhaps services in your communities that are State employees or services. To help, I have attached a complete list of state agencies for your reference. If you know someone who works at a local DNR office, DOT or other state agency, ask for a complete list of people so we can assimilate a complete list in preparation for the battle that will be fought in the Legislature over where and how many positions need to be cut. In this year's session, Rep. Sandstede introduced a bill that called for "GEOGRAPHICAL EQUITY" in the reduction of state positions....unfortunately, the bill did not get a hearing.

Send your names, or identify the department or agency to me at: sggiorgi@ramsmn.org ALSO IF YOUR CITY, TOWNSHIP OR SCHOOL BOARD HAS A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY, PLEASE SEND THAT TO ME SO OUR BOARD CAN CONSIDER MAKING IT ONE OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021. Reach out to a RAMS Board member in your neighborhood. If you are uncertain who is on the board, check us out at: www.ramsmn.org

Thanks for your time and cooperation on this undertaking.

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Department of Administration
Office of Administrative Hearings
Department of Agriculture
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
Office of the State Archaeologist
Office of Minnesota Attorney General
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
Commerce Department
Corrections Department
Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS)
Education Department
Employment and Economic Development Department
Office of Geospatial Information
Office of Grants Management
Department of Health
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Department of Human Rights
Department of Human Services
Department of Iron Range Resources
Department of Labor and Industry
Office of Legislative Auditor
Minnesota State Lottery
Bureau of Mediation Services
Department of Military Affairs

Minnesota Army National Guard

Minnesota Management and Budget

Minnesota State Academies

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Minnesota IT Services

Department of Natural Resources

Office for Energy Security

Office of Pipeline Safety

Pollution Control Agency

Department of Public Safety

Department of Revenue

Office of Secretary of State

Office of State Auditor

State Patrol

Department of Transportation

University of Minnesota

Department of Veterans Affairs

Amateur Sports Commission

Court of Appeals

District Courts

Explore MN/Dept of Tourism

State Fire Marshall

Minnesota Historical Society

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Public Employment Retirement Association

Minnesota Supreme Court & State Judicial System