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March 7, 2017

Mark Wm. Johnson, Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
95 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mark;

We the undersigned, members of the Legislature, want to take this opportunity to communicate to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council some concerns we have about some recent projects the LSOHC has recommended.

It is no secret, as evidenced by recent testimony, that many local units of government and legislators are unhappy with the purchase of so much land with the funds available to the council.

We feel there needs to be a change in direction and allocations. Specifically, we feel more emphasis needs to be placed on restoring and enhancing our resources. More habitat initiatives, watershed improvements, and forestry enhancements are just a few areas that we need to place greater emphasis on.

This is not to say all land acquisitions should cease. We simply feel they need to be limited and more strategic in nature.

Thank you for your consideration, and our hope is that working together we will continue to make Minnesota the leader in preserving and enhancing our environment.

Sincerely,

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Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Re: letter to LSOHC concerning land acquisition

Dear Representative:

Please consider this letter as confirmation that I am in receipt of your jointly signed letter dated March 7, 2017.

To facilitate conveyance of your message and concerns, I will forward your letter and this acknowledgement to the individual members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council immediately. Additionally, I anticipate that your letter will be an item for discussion at the next meeting of the council on April 28, 2017.

Thank you for your letter, your openness, and your willingness to work together.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Wm. Johnson".

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council