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CC: Secretary of State Simon, Governor Walz, Lt. Governor Flanagan

RE: SECURING ELECTIONS IN MINNESOTA

We are writing to urge the Minnesota House and Senate to work together and approve the release of the full $6.6 million in federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds this legislative session. We feel strongly that this effort should not be tied to any other significant policy changes.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations supports policies that strengthen democratic institutions and promote civic engagement, including advocating for policies that promote voter access and confidence in our voting systems. We support investments to upgrade and modernize the state’s voter registration database and invest in security upgrades and permanent systems reforms to counter cyberattacks.

We feel strongly that releasing the full HAVA funding will support these policy goals and positions, and we encourage the Minnesota legislature to come together and act in our state’s collective interest to secure elections in Minnesota.

Respectfully,

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