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Superior Hiking Trail 618 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Two Harbors, MN 55616

RE: 2023 LCCMR Proposal

Dear LCCMR Members of the Board,

The City of Silver Bay is the center hub of multiple trail systems along the North Shore of Lake Superior, spanning from Duluth to the Canadian Border. These trail systems include the Gitchi-Gami Bike Trail, the CJ Ramstad ATV/Snowmobile Trail, the Lake Superior Watershed Trail, the Northshore Cross Country Ski Trail, and the most highly used Superior Hiking Trail. These trails are an attraction for all Minnesotan's looking to get outdoors to enjoy recreational activities, and maintaining the trails for their use is vital.

It is my understanding that the Superior Hiking Trail Association is looking for funds to finish renewing the Bean and Bear section of the trail to make it more resilient to the amount of traffic it is receiving. This section of the trail sees an unbelievable amount of traffic, especially during the summer and fall months, and is a key reason why our community plans to construct a Multi-Modal Trailhead Center, which LCCMR has supported construction of.

I encourage support of the Superior Hiking Trail Association's application to LCCMR for the improvements needed to finish the Bean and Bear section of the Superior Hiking Trail. It is important for our community and users of the trail.

Sincerely,

Lana Fralích

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