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Rep. Dan Fabian	House	1A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Keep up the good work.		
Brent Lindstrom	House	1B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael Northbird	House	2A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Miigwech/Thank you for time, considerations and support!
Randy Goutermont	House	3A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Rob Ecklund	House	3A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Mary Murphy	House	3B	DFL	Yes	Yse	Yes	Yes	Maybe but not earmarks, possibly on a particular project. I need more information on this.	Yes
Rep. Paul Marquart	House	4B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Sandy Layman	House	5B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pat Medure	House	5B	DFL	Yes. I support snowmobiling. I own two sleds myself.	Yes. I was a MN sheriff at the time this was in. I supported it then & continue to support it today.	Yes	Yes. To have the trail system we have today we have to continue to support it into the future.	Yes	Yes. Count me in on supporting snowmobiles.
Rep. Bud Nornes	House	8A	R	Yes. We need snow - I promise to do what I can to make that happen.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brittney Johnson	House	8A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am not familiar with the current allocation of fees. I would consider this proposal, but would need additional information.	Yes	Yes. Thank you so much for the work you do!
Gail Kulp	House	8B	DFL	Yes. I want to express concern over changing weather patterns that indicate continuation of milder winters which threaten the season for snowmobiling.	Yes	I would need more information but expect I would oppose any reduction.	I would need more information but expect I would support funding for local grant in aid trails.	I would need more information but expect I would support it.	I definitely need more information.
Rep. John M. Poston	House	9A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Josh Heintzeman	House	10A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Dale K Lueck	House	10B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Yetzer	House	10B	DFL	Yes. I used to own a bar in Crow Wing County called "The Wolfhound". I worked with the Emily Snowbirds Club and have been a member.	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rep. Mike Sundin	House	11A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Jason Rarick	House	11B	R	Yes. As an aavid snowmobiler myself I see firsthand how much of an impact snowmobile tourism has.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Burkhardt	House	11B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Hinckley has lots of trail use on the Munger Trail segment. I'm also supportive of the plan to complete the link south to North Branch		

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Rep. Paul Anderson	House	12B	R	Yes. We just need to get more snow!	Yes	Yes	Yes. The volunteers do a great job of maintaining these trails!	Yes	Yes
Ben Schirmers	House	12B	DFL	Yes. I have a close friend who is a member of your organization and the president of the local snowmobile club in Sauk Centre.	Yes	No. I am leaving myself open to the potential raising of the gas tax by a future Governor Walz and so I don't want to answer this question in a hypocritical way. However it might benefit you.	Yes. That is the money the local clubs use to groom the trails. We fully support that.	Yes	Yes. When it can be accommodated. In terms of the engineers.
Rep. Jeff Howe	Senate	13	R	Yes	Yes. We need to maintain that stable funding to ensure our trails are groomed for trail riding.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe Perske	Senate	13	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rep. Sondra Erickson	House	15A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I would like even more!	Yes
Emy Minzel	House	15A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I will need to know more about this to make an educated decision.	Yes
Shane Mekeland	House	15B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. While I'm not a fan of light rail I will support crossings for us snowmobilers. I too enjoy riding my sled!! You have my support.
Myron Wilson	House	15B	IU	Yes. My wife and I owned a motel in Carlton County near the snowmobile trail. We survived on the snowmobilers during the winter as did our employees. They are a major boon to outstate Minnesota.	Yes. The taxes paid by snowmobilers should go to the furtherance of the sport.	Yes. Same answer as above. This is tax money that helps thousands of mainly outstate Minnesotans.	Yes. Other sports rely on the snowmobile trails also, it benefits so many without costing those not involved in the sport a penny. All programs should be as successful as this one.	Yes	Yes. I am/was a DNR youth safety snowmobile instructor.
Rep. Chris Swedzinski	House	16A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mindy Kimmel	House	16B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would likely support this. However, I would like to know if this is the same percentage already earmarked for this.	Yes	Yes
Lyle Koenen	House	17A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Dave Baker	House	17B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I'd like to see what the dedicated funds are producing before I commit to this as well.	Yes
Rep. Dean Urdahl	House	18A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Justin Vold	House	18A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen	House	18B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Bob Vogel	House	20A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Josh Gare	House	20B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Barb Haley	House	21A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Is this the current statute or a proposed change? If current - yes. If change I'd have to consider lien of other budget concerns or proposals on earmarking user fees.	Yes	Yes

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Rep. Steve Drazkowski	House	21B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Rod Hamilton	House	22B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Dual or multiple purpose trails. Example - Bikes in Spring-Fall, snowmobiles in Winter	Yes. I have always enjoyed snowmobiling.
Rep. Bob Gunther	House	23A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. John Petersburg	House	24A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe Heegard	House	24A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Need more study of available info first.	Yes	Yes
Rep. Brian Daniels	House	24B	R	Yes. In the 70's and 80's our family sold Polaris snowmobiles. Also sponsored many racers for the St. Paul to Winnipeg race. (Arena Sports in Shevlin)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenneth Bush	House	25B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I have hundreds of friends that own and have loved this MN out activity of snowmobling for generations and I support your efforts wholeheartedly.
Rep. Duane Sauke	House	25B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tyrel Clark	House	26B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	More information needed. I need to understand where the funds go now. I do agree with the statement, but need more information.		
Rep. Jeanne Poppe	House	27B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Gregory M Davids	House	28B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Absolutely	Yes
Thomas Trehus	House	28B	DFL	Yes. I grew up snowmobiling and it is still a big part of my family's recreation. My father has been president of our local club over many years.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Joseph McDonald	House	29A	R	Yes. Keep up the great work!	Yes. I will continue to support and protect this fund.	Yes. I am for lower taxes in general.	Yes. Thank you for all your great work!	Yes. For sure.	Yes. Always!
Brad Brown	House	31A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Cal (Calvin) K Bahr	House	31B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I will not support a renewal of the legacy amendment.	Yes
Rep. Jerry Hertaus	House	33A	R	Yes. Snowmobile owner since 1967	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Nolan West	House	37B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	I don't know enough to commit to a %. I am happy to meet in my office next year and learn more.		
Rep. Linda Runbeck	House	38A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevin Fogarty	House	38A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Patti Anderson	House	38B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	I need more information on this. Not sure of current situation.	Yes	Yes

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Rep. Bob Dettmer	House	39A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. My wife and I have a cabin in Silver Bay, MN. We have outstanding snowmobile and ATV trails along the North Shore.
Rep. Kathy Lohmer	House	39B	R	Yes. We own a snowmobile.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Marvin	House	40B	R	Yes. Not much better than going out after a fresh snowfall. Some of my best memories of MN are from a sled.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert J."Bob" Cardinal	House	43A	R	Yes. Good activity and recreation in winter for Minnesotas.	Yes. Keep as it is - State law.	Yes. No change needed.	Yes. Keep supporting aid for trails.	Yes. Keep supporting snowmobiling.	Yes. Should have public funds used for this.
Rachael Bucholz	House	43B	R	Yes	Yes!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Lyndon Carlson	House	45A	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Melissa Moore	House	46B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I love snowmobiling. It's what MN winter are all about. Appreciate the wonderful trails and all the people who help maintain them. Thank you.
Rep. Jim Nash	House	47A	R	Yes. I have supported you all each of my years in office.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ellen Cousins	House	48A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Laurie Pryor	House	48A	DFL	Yes.	Yes. I appreciated learning about this at the legislative reception last spring. I also had a constituent tell me about its importance.	Yes	Very likely will support. I am not familiar with any counter proposals.	Likely	Yes
Rep. Andrew Carlson	House	50B	DFL	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would need more information. No opinion at this time.	I would need more information. No opinion at this time	Yes
Rep. Tony Jurgens	House	54B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Roz Peterson	House	56B	R	Yes. I am an avid snowmobilinger and have been a member for many years.	Yes	Yes	Yes or more - it should be 100%	Yes	Yes
Frank Pafko	House	63B	R	Important part of MN economy yes, "essential" no.	Yes	No. Depends on "gas tax attributed to snowmobile use." If >1% I will support an increase. If <1% I will supoprt a decrease.	Uncertain. I need data supporting needs of the two systems, and will use that data to develop a position on percent funding.	Yes	Yes
Jon Heyer	House	66A	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fred Turk	House	67B	R	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Johnson & Donna Bergstrom	Governor & Lt. Governor		R	Yes	Yes	Yes. I support taxes going toward sustaining the source of the revenue.	Yes. I support taxes going toward sustaining the source of the revenue.	Yes	No

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John Howe	Secretary of State		R	Yes. I love snowmobiling!	Yes. Keep dedicated funds - dedicated!	Yes.	Yes. I have a trail that crosses my land in Wadena County. I have supported this for over 20 years.	Yes	Yes. Absolutely! I have supported my local "Trail Blazers". I grew up snowmobiling and certainly enjoy the opportunity to ride on the trails.
Noah M. Johnson	Attorney General		GLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. My campaign is with you!
Pam Myhra	State Auditor		R	Yes	Yes	Yes, however, I'm running for MN State Auditor, not the legislature.	Yes. Same comment as above.	Yes	Yes
Julie Blaha	State Auditor		DFL	Thank you for reaching out to my campaign. I reviewed your questions and they seem to be outside the purview of the MN State auditor's office. Though I appreciate the work you do, it would be disingenuous for me to imply that the auditor's office could take action on these specific issues. Thank you.					