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Sen. Mark Johnson	Senate	01	Yes. Absolutely! I have Textron and Polaris in my district and can't imagine where we'd be w/o them.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Paul Utke	Senate	02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Tom Bakk	Senate	03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe - will consider	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Rep. Rob Ecklund	House	03A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I have been a supporter of all of MNUSA initiatives since I have been in the legislature.
Rep. Paul Marquart	House	04B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Justin Eichorn	Senate	05	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spence Igo	House	05B	Yes. Being a lifelong Northern Minnesota Resident, snowmobiling is a way of life for all of us. I will always remember our traditions and protect the recreational sport of snowmobiling for all to enjoy. Please if there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to me.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. David Tomassoni	Senate	06	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I should have more information on this.	Yes	Yes
Rep. David Lislegard	House	06B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Senate	08	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I will work to get more Legacy funding for rural trails. A larger % of the 3 way split.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Thank you for all you do for trails in our beautiful state.
Mary D Franson	House	08B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A. John Peters	Senate	09	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. John M Poston	House	09A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steve Samuelson	Senate	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Carrie Ruud	Senate	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Josh Heintzeman	House	10A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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Rep. Dale K Lueck	House	10B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No. Be careful what you ask for. Any tinkering with current MN trespass law will bring the anti-hunting, ATV & snowmobile folks out and it will likely end badly for us.	Yes. Grant & Aid \$\$ are from license & gas tax. This is a tax on a tax!! As ranking member on the House Environmental & Natural Resources Policy Committee - I strongly support both snowmbiles & ATV's. We need to continue to expand our support for grant & aid trails. Education & safety training needs to continue. Caution on messing with trespass laws. Regards Dale K Lueck
Rep. Mike Sundin	House	11A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Nathan Nelson	House	11B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I support this proposal. Most of the negative things I hear concerning snowmobiles, ATV and other off-road activity is the usually from damage caused during trespassing, enforcing more strict penalties is a good start.	Yes
Rep. Paul Anderson	House	12B	Yes. When snow conditions are favorable, the hospitality industry booms in northern Minnesota!	Yes	Yes	I'm not sure what the current level is. I will support a fair and reasonable level.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lisa Demuth	House	13A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes and no. I would like to see the fiscal impact. Thank you for the oopportunity to fill out the survey. My family and I have enjoyed snowmobiling for many years! Please contact me If you have any questions.

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Sen. Bill Weber	Senate	22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Remember as it elates to questions 3 & 4, we are looking at a serious deficit in the State. I will work to defer and pay at a later date if funding becomes an issue rather than eliminate the funding.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, provided the same exemption applies to other city, county projects.
Rep. Rod Hamilton	House	22B	Yes. I've owned a number of snowmobiles over the years. Great sport!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Need more info. Thanks.	Yes
Sen. John Jasinski	Senate	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Co-author of bill	Yes
Rep. Brian Daniels	House	24B	Yes. From 1971-1985 our family sold and serviced Polaris snowmobiles in northern Minnesota. So, I'm with you!!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. David H Senjem	Senate	25	Yes, definitely - good exercise too!	Yes. Absolutely!	Yes. Absolutely!	Yes. Sounds good to me.	I absolutely enjoyed your winter run on Gull Lake a couple of years ago. First time on a machine. Want more!			
Rep. Duane Robert Quam	House	25A	Yes	Yes. Smart to use related revenue. It is proportional to activity.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Multi use allows for year round activity.	Yes	Yes. Depends on exact language.	Yes. Public use should not pay sales tax.
Sen. Jeremy R Miller	Senate	28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Need to see the legislation.	Yes
Rep. Gene Pelowski Jr	House	28A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Gregory M Davids	House	28B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I have carried it in the past.
Sen. Bruce D. Anderson	Senate	29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Joe McDonald	House	29A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Keep up the great work! Thank you for all you do for the snowmobile industry.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rep. Paul Novotny	House	30A	Yes. Agree 100%	Yes. No compromise on this, no redirect.	Yes. See above.	Yes	Yes. We know that the public uses many of these trails for non-snowmobiling purposes. This would be a way for other groups to contribute for what they already use.	Yes	Yes. I think it is great that the group wants to offer solutions and protect the image of the sport.	Yes. It is public infrastructure and should not be taxed.

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Rep. Jim Nash	House	47A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Greg Boe	House	47B	Yes	Yes. Those funds should remain for "Snowmobile use" only.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Safe crossings are very important!	Yes. It is illegal behavior and it puts the property owner into risk.	Yes. That makes sense... (especially if they are built by a quazi-government entity.)
Sen. Steve Cwodzinski	Senate	48	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. This is a great example of how fees paid by users can benefit those same users.	Yes	Yes. These crossings help save lives.	Yes	No. At this time, we're dealing with a severe budget deficit so sales tax exemptions must be used in rare circumstances.
Sen Melisa Lopez Franzen	Senate	49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Rick Hansen	House	52A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not at this time. We are facing a significant budget shortfall - I want to prevent raiding of this fund - but not willing to earmark 60% at this time.	Not at this time. We are facing a reduction of current Legacy funds because of COVID-19 recession.		Yes	Not at this time. We are facing a significant budget result of the COVID-19 recession.
Sen. Karla Bigham	Senate	54	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Eric Pratt	Senate	55	Yes. Snowmobiling is a way for resorts to stay open through the long winter, and a great way for Minnesotans to stay active to avoid cabin fever.	Yes. User taxes should benefit the users!	Yes	Yes. User fees should benefit the users.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Tony Albright	House	55B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Greg Clausen	Senate	57	Yes. As we continue to live under the COVID10 pandemic, it's so important to provide safe recreational outlets for Minnesotans.	Yes. This is a fair user fund basic to the principles of taxation.	Yes	Yes. Again, user fees should be used to maintain the trails. Those that use the trails are paying for maintenance.	Yes	Yes. Safety must be considered when developing new rail crossings.	Yes. Those guilty of unlawful behavior give all snowmobilers a bad name. Appropriate fines will hopeful reduce unlawful behavior.	Yes
Erin Murphy	Senate	64	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Friends - I look forward to the work ahead - and another ride. Thank you for including me.	Yes	Yes	Yes. I support this as long as these remain civil penalties.	Yes. I am open to this but within the context of a budget deficit, this is a priority that will be difficult to fund.