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Sen. Mark Johnson	Senate	01	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*More data is needed to know what impact current law had on snowmobilers behavior.	Yes	
Rep. John Burkel	House	01A	Yes. Given the history of the Snowmobile Industry in NW MN, I am keenly aware of it's importance--Polaris and Arctic Cat are such huge drivers of the economy up here!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Would like to understand the issue further and with more context- Not Opposed- just need to understand with more depth (218)-689-0395	Yes	Will discuss further with Myles Hoganson up here in Warroad as well as former Rep. Dan Fabian
James Sceville	House	01A	Yes. I spent 8 years working at Arctic Cat and my wife is currently on year 20. Snowmobiling is as much a part of us as it is Minnesota.	Yes. No marked and designated funds should be directed to anything else.	Yes. The little that is paid goes a long way in supporting a Minnesota outdoor institution. Clubs and private citizens do a lot but they need the support	* I want to say yes but I would have to double check into that % to make sure that would be a proper number.	Yes. You don't have a much bigger MN Legacy than Snowmobiling.	Yes. Keeping trails open is hard enough. Public money should be able to accommodate trail systems	Yes. We have lost a few passings in the Thief River Area because people refused to respect land owners. Hoologans need proper deferance before we lose more land acces	Yes. It would most likely have to be a year end refund or tax credit but many organizations that do public good projects should have some exemptions	Not Legislative. The industry is sadly facing many hurdles and is going to have to reinvent itself to bring in a new market. I am open to all ideas
Rep. Debra (Deb) Kiel	House	01B	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Andrea Zupancich	Senate	03	Yes. I have been part of the "Fun Run" Event raising money for our trails in NE MN for 20+ years. Benefiting Tower, Ely & Babbitt. Our average is \$7-8,000/ town/ year for the trails. I know how it effects & community & know it's needed.	Yes	Yes	Yes. 100%. Being in an area with high snowmobile traffic I see 1st hand the impacts the snowmobilers have in our area.	Yes	Yes	No. There are times, when new to areas, one does not know if the fines are heavier, this could cause snowmobilers to quit all together.	Yes. It is hard to raise frunds and gain new & long term volunteers. It is done for others, so should be done for the snowmobilers as well.	Funding is always an issue. There are so many hard working clubs in our areas that rely on volunterrs. I would get schools active in volunteering or helping raise funds.
Grant Hauschild	Senate	03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would like to serve on the Capital Investment Committee and Tax Committee where I could play a role in getting additional bonding support from the state, as well as dedicated trail money towards projects related to snowmobiling and other recreation in northern Minnesota.
Roger J. Skraba	House	03A	Yes. I am the Trail Administer for the Tomahawk Trail and the Ely to Lake Vermilion Lakes Trail System. I am a member of the Ely Igloo Snowmobile club and I am a member of MNUSA.	Yes. If other funds are needed for non-snowmobile purposes then those appropriations will need a separate venu to do so.	Yes. It should be higher.	Yes. As the Trail Administer for the Tomahawk Trail I understand the funding system.	Yes. I will advocate for more.	Yes. The new rail development should pay for these crossings.	Yes. Trespass and loud pipes are our biggest problems.	Yes	Increase percentage of gas tax for snowmobiling.
Rep. Rob Ecklund	House	03A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am not a snowmobile owner, but I have carried much of your Legislation because I know how important snowmobiling is to my local community.
Natalie Zeleznikar	House	03B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	I would assess where we are funding recreation money such as Bike trails and support initiatives for recreation ATV/ UTV/Snowmobile trails too. Strong supporter in motorized recreation & creating trail systems between bars/restaurants to foster community business support. We 4 wheel snowmobile and boat as a family.
Rep. Mary Murphy	House	03B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I'm always interested in your sugestions how to use and expand the snow trails. We have and keep them safe for the users. Mary

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Rep. Paul H. Anderson	House	12A	Yes	Yes. The current system is working well.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	There's a great deal of money available in the Legacy Fund. That would be one place to look for additional funding.
Rep. Mary Franson	House	12B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Need more information - need to see bill language & public input	Yes	Need more information - need to see bill language & public input	No - I usually take the ideas from those who are involved - and go from there
Sen. Jeff Howe	Senate	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe. What is it currently set at? Where does the money go now?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rep. Tama Theis	Senate	14	Yes. We don't snowmobile and I have many friends that do.	Yes	Yes	Yes. I know how smaller communities rely on funding.	Yes	Yes. We need to be safe.	Yes	Yes. We do if for good projects like this.	Do you ask for LCCMR dollars? I am on that commission and trails are certainly a bigger part of what we fund. Thank you! Tama
Tami Calhoun	House	14A	Yes. I grew up on Big Stone Lake and remember ice fishing & snowmobiling events.	Yes. Of course, why should it go any where other than it's designation.	Yes. I would like more information on unrefunded gas tax.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bernie Perryman	House	14A	Yes. Snowmobiling is an activity for a great getaway anywhere in the State. It is enjoyed by families, friends and/or just a single rider to enjoy a few hours of scenery.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We have the local snowmobiling club called St. Augusta Blizzard Busters...celebrating 50 years. I have always been impressed with their fundraisers. Many town citizens come out to support the club and there is fun for the whole family.
Sen. Gary Dahms	Senate	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Keep up the good work you do on behalf of the Industry Gary Dahms
Rep. Chris Swewdzinski	House	15A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes I think so	Yes	
Sen. Andrew R Lang	Senate	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. this continues to be a top issue	Yes	yes, but we can chat about them later
Rep. Dean Urdahl	House	16A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Kate E. Falvey	Senate	19	Yes. Travel trips for all winter sports are essential to MN's tourism industry	Yes. If the funds are from snowmobile users (registration/gas tax) they should go TO snowmobile users.	Yes	Yes. Again, \$ from snowmobiling should SUPPORT Snowmobiling.	Yes	Yes	Yes. People on snowmobiles should be aware of public vs private land when they plan their route.	No. (tax \$) We should support building and maintenance of trails/bridges but I do not support an exemption.	There could be an option to donate to snowmobile trails on the MN tax return forms like for nature preservation, etc.
Rep. Brian Daniels	House	19A	Yes. Our family owned a Polaris dealership for 15 years in Northern Minnesota. We loved that!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Rep. John Petersburg	House	19B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Roger Kittelson	House	20A	Yes. I am a member of the Goodhue Bellechester Rail Riders Association - 10 years	Yes. My farm has had a snowmobile trail running through for over 30 years.	Yes. Please get the Goodhue, Wabasha, and Dakota County Riders to support me in 20A.	Yes. If I don't win, we may not get the strong support I will provide and more. Roger X	Yes	Yes. Safety first.	No. Seriously, education is important for all riders, otherwise we will lose our ability to ride on trails that go through private land. Be smart.	Yes. Safety first, especially bridges.	I will listen and learn from other legislators, if elected.
Steven E. Jacob	House	20B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Marisa Ulmen	House	22A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Marcia Stapleton	House	22B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. User fee for heavily used trails with a suggested donation.	become a 501c3 entity
Rep. Brian H. Pfarr	House	22B	Yes	Yes. Yes I would oppose diverting funds	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*I could potentially support depending on how broad the sales tax exemption. There has to be limits & would need to understand them.	
Gene Dornink	Senate	23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas A. Stiehm	House	23B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	not yet, I'm not aware of the options yet.
Katrina Pulham	House	24B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Unsure. This seems like an adequate fine for trespassing. I would need to learn more about why a higher fine would benefit the snowmobile Assoc. or/and land owners.	Yes	None at this time, but love snowmobiling and enjoy our SE Minnesota trails. I will support funding our trail systems.

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Ken Navitsky	Senate	25	Yes. It is pure Minnesota!	Yes. Without question.	Yes. Its away of MN Life.	Yes. As long as it is not a "NEW" TAX on the MN TAX Payer.	Yes	Yes. As Long as "no New" TAXES ARE imposed on TAX Payers.	Yes. I would vote in favor of private land owners protections	Yes	I would be open to hearing solutions
Sen. Jeremy Miller	Senate	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I would have to see the details, but I'm open to the idea.	
Eric M. Leitzen	Senate	26	Yes. I've been experiencing and enjoying since elementary school.	Yes. It is spent on snowmobiles, it should be used on them.	Yes. My campaign seeks to find massive infusions of cash for all departments, so I have no problem leaving the snowmobile money for the snowmobiles.	Yes. I fully support encouraging local tourism and recreation, particularly in winter. As someone who works in tourism I often hear how vital snowmobiling is to keeping small businesses operating year round.	Yes	Yes. We need to keep transportation and recreation safe for everyone.	Yes. Let's make sure everyone can enjoy snowmobiling and snowmobilers.	Yes. Seeing as how I want to tax the rich through other means to put money back in our communities, I have no issue with this.	Yes. Tax The Rich and Get Your Money Back. It's a cornerstone of my campaign. The folks I grew up with who went snowmobiling weren't folks with seven houses and trust funds, they were farmers and hunters and working people like you and me. We need to support that at the expense of the richest who have spent 40 years skimming off the top and giving nothing back.
Daniel Wilson	Senate	26	Yes. I grew up snowmobiling during the winter near Worthington MN. It was a great way for me to see the country, bond with friends, and enjoy MN winters	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would support dual function trails that can be used for hiking and biking in the summer, and then snowmobiling in the winter	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rep. Gene Pelowski Jr.	House	26A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rep. Gregory M. Davids	House	26B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. More	Yes	Yes	Yes	I will continue to support you as I always have, Greg Davids
Ron Thiessen	House	27A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*
Brad Brown	House	27B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am a rider and support all efforts to maintain and improve funding for this enjoyable recreational sport. Thank you for writing me.
Erik Johnson	House	28A	Yes. Agree 100%. I grew up snowmobiling and my dad raced snowmobiles. It is an essential part of Minnesota life!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not specifically at this time. However, I want to hear from the community including in 28A on ideas that can be advocated for to achieve adequate funding for MN Snowmobile Trails.
Sen. Bruce Anderson	Senate	29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chris Brazelton	Senate	29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. The actions of a few can cause harm to access/ support that hurts the rest.	Yes	I look to your members for suggestions and informational
Rep. Joe McDonald	House	29A	Yes. For sure a big part of our tourism. Thank you for all you do for our state.	Yes. I have supported all efforts in the past to divert funds from this important funding mechanism.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No. I think this should be delicately handled for both parties. I traditionally have been opposed to increased penalties for snowmobilers.	Yes	Yes. Use a percentage of the sales tax on snowmobiles to be used for trails.
Rep. Paul Novotny	House	30B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	* Only if my local clubs support increased penalties. Also if seems to be more of an enforcement problem, it's not the cost of Fine, it is the chances of getting fined.	Yes	Allocation of sales tax on parts sales just like automotive parts
Rep. Cal K. Bahr	Senate	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No. I do NOT support sales tax exemptions For Public works, to include Government.	All monies paid for trail fees should go to upkeep/ expansion of trails. If you need more Money- Raise the permit fee.
Michael Kreun	Senate	32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I am open to this, but would need to learn more	
Rep. Donald W. Raleigh	House	32B	Yes. Snowmobiling is part of what makes Minnesota a great place to live and have fun.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I will oppose the so called California car mandates that may call for the removal of gas powered vehicles.
Patti Anderson	House	33A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*I'm not up to date on this issue.	Yes	* I'm not up to date on this.	Yes	

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Scott Simmons	House	34B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. The penalty, however, needs to be commensurate with like offenses.	* Depends what other sales tax exemptions exist in the area of recreational activities. The benefit to trails should be commensurate with like uses.	Encourage members to engage more with legislators.
Sen. Jim Abeler	Senate	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. If you agree to the plan.	Yes	
Rep. Zach Stephenson	House	35A	Yes. It is hard to think of anything more Minnesota that snowmobiling!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational trails are an asset to our entire state. Utilizing state funds, either from dedicated sources or from the general fund in appropriate instances, makes complete sense. In particular circumstances, it could even be appropriate to utilize bonding dollars. I am open to creative ideas and eager to hear from the snowmobiling community about how we can move the ball forward!
Sen. Jerry Newton	House	35B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Heather Gustafson	Senate	36	Yes	Yes. Absolutely	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*I don't at the moment but I support snowmobiling and the community that keeps it a thriving industry. As a state senator, I will protect funds, trails, and resources that keep snowmobiling an active and growing mode of recreation and transportation. You have my full support and I thank you for this opportunity! - Heather Gustafson
Sen. Warren Limmer	Senate	37	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mike Sharp	House	39B	Yes	Yes. I would need to learn more on this issue and how it relates to the state budget, but I cannot imagine needing to divert snowmobile funds for other purposes.	Yes. See answer to #2	Yes. See answer to #2. This support depends on the overall state budget needs, but I would support this funding in principle.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No. I am generally opposed to tax exemptions that do not clearly serve the common good, but if this can be demonstrated to be in the public's interest I may support it.	
Ben Schwanke	House	40A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We first need to claw back transportation funding from light rail projects and use that for roads & trails.
Shand Hudella	House	41B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. As a rural landowner this very important.	Yes	Tie in gaming/charitable gambling.
Tina Folch	House	41B	brands calling Minnesota her	Yes. The funds are currently protected to ensure the continuation of this winter sport and economic engine for our state. Diverting these funds would damage its ability to continue. These funds need to be protected.	Yes. Attempts to divert these funds would hurt the snowmobiling community by starving the very clubs and volunteers that build and maintain our trail systems. Short-sighted attacks against this allocation will be fought with vigor!	Yes. The trail system here in Minnesota is why we attract and maintain such a vibrant snowmobile community. As a new rider, I have seen that funds allocated here will go back directly to supporting and further building a world class trail system.	Yes. currently Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program provides funding for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven-county metropolitan area. I fully support the continuation of this program and will support the snowmobiling community in acquiring a portion of that funding.	Yes. Safe crossings for all traffic, including snowmobiles is essential to community efforts. We need to ensure our new rail developments take into consideration all of community impacts as we expand that system.	Yes. Unlawful trespass threatens the future of our snowmobiling trail system by failing to protect the landowners. It is unfortunate that current efforts to enforce the "stay on the trail" may indeed fall short. If that were to become apparent, I would support stiffer penalties to ensure we protect the landowners and the future of our sport here in Minnesota.	Yes. As the economic impact of inflation increases, we must look to further ways to ensure the viability of our sport. I believe a sales tax exemption is one way of assisting to control the costs associated with the building and maintenance of our trail systems.	Along with registration fees, gasoline taxes, trail pass fees, grants and stewardship programs, we could also look for federal, state, and other local dollar-match programs to assist in the funding for the trail systems.
Sen. Ann H. Rest	Senate	43	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Thanks for your contributions to MN Tourism! Ann
Kathleen Fowke	Senate	45	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Crimes need to have consequences. I support a fee that would effectively deter crime.	Yes	Yes. Minnesota is the land of the snow! By embracing snowmobiling as a family sport we may be able to bring in more funding by embracing this as a great Minnesota activity.

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Andrew Myers	House	45A	Yes. My family have been life long snowmobilers.	Yes	Yes. This fund in an investment into MN.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Working together to educate legislature and the public on the economic and quality of life snowmobiling brings to MN & families we can obtain more investment.
Lorie Cousineau	House	45B	Yes. As an owner of snowmobiles, it's imperative that we support, protect and maintain the industry.	Yes. I will oppose diverting funds away from snowmobiling.	Yes. Again, I will not try to change this dedicated fund.	Yes. User fees are the way to not burden the non-snowmobilers.	Yes	Yes	Yes. We must have decorum and respect on the trails - the bad actors give us a bad reputation.	Yes. Either a sales tax exemption or reduction of some kind should be an option.	There's always local fundraising, grants, & I believe charitable gambling could come into play if it's not already.
Kelly Fenton	House	47B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We need to continue to support the revenues that go to supporting the up keep of our trails. Any suggestions we look at should make sure we aren't increasing the costs to our snowmobilers as inflation is weighing down our pocket books.
Ryan Wiskerchen	House	51A	Yes. Snowmobiling is one of the best winter recreation activities that our state has to offer for residents and visitors alike! Maintaining the appeal and accessibility of this wonderfully Minnesotan pastime to veteran and new snowmobilers is just common sense!	Yes. Snowmobile fees and taxes should go towards purposes that benefit those who paid into them.	*Depending on the projected economic forecast, it might be necessary to explore a holiday on this gas tax to provide relief for Minnesotans facing hardships caused by recession and inflation. I believe that there are other taxes and fees where relief could and should be found first, but I would not at this time be willing to pledge myself one way or the other on this particular tax.	Yes. As I stated above, snowmobile fees and taxes should go towards purposes that benefit those who paid into them. Maintaining our state's excellent trail system is key to preserving and expanding this activity.	Yes	Yes. Rail projects should take into account the desires and wishes of the communities which host them, and preserving snowmobile access should be a factor in the design of those projects going forward.	*I am inclined to say yes, but would like to speak with someone from the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association and possibly some legislators who spole in favor of increased penalties to educate myself more on this issue	Yes. Given the state's current historic budget surplus, it makes sense to provide relief to volunteer snowmobile clubs which are doing good work maintaining the infrastructure needed for this activity.	No. Not at this time, but I am looking forward to working with the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association and learning more about what I can do in St. Paul to support our state's snowmobilers!
Todd Kruse	House	53A	Yes. Would like to explore coordination with First Responders and National Guard if interested.	Yes. See my work on financial transparency.	Yes. I don't want to increase taxes but support dedicated funds.	Yes. I have been very active in the trails community in Virginia and Arizona. I am an advocate if the BWCA trails network and have worked on trail projects.	Yes	Yes. Is the "rails to trails" program involved?	Yes. I once managed MN Property Rights Association	Yes. We should discuss tax reform	(1) Want to discuss youth outreach/school clubs/scouts (2) I want to divest state government real estate to fund such projects.
Rep. Rick Hansen	House	53B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*has it previously? - need more info	Yes	Yes. As the chief author of the 2022 legislation I will continue to work on this issue	Yes	One time cash infusion
Sen. Eric Pratt	Senate	54	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pam Myhra	Senate	55	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Van Holston	House	55B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Sen. Zach Duckworth	Senate	57	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Thank You! Zach
Trace Johnson	House	66A	Yes	Yes	Yes. As long as our consumers are not stretched thin to preserve taxes (i.e. we have a strong economy & low inflation)	Yes. I still would believe that the areas with the most NEED should be prioritized	Yes. No brainer!	Yes	Yes	Yes. No brainer!	N/A Thank you for your consideration & including me in this survey!