# Candidate Survey Response Summary

Organized by question. Tables show all Yes/No responses followed by verbatim comments.

## 1. The sport of snowmobiling has a huge economic impact on Minnesota and is responsible for tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue each year (excluding payroll and income taxes). Do you agree that snowmobiling is an essential part of Minnesota's economic health, quality of life, and tourism industry?

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## *Additional Comments (Verbatim)*

**Lisa Demuth** - Governor

I've always been a big supporter of snowmobiling as a sport, an industry and a pastime that's vital to our culture and economy. I will continue to be a big supporter as governor.

**Steven Young** - Governor

I've been a dirt biker for years. Generally I do other sports during the winter, but believe me when I say that I know how precious trail access is!

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

Snowmobiling is an essential part of Minnesota’s economic health, quality of life, and tourism industry. As governor, I’ll strengthen and expand snowmobile trail networks so Minnesotans can enjoy our outdoors and Greater Minnesota communities can benefit from the tourism, jobs, and economic activity snowmobiling brings. In the U.S. Senate, I led the bipartisan effort to strengthen and fully fund the federal Recreational Trails Program that Minnesota’s trails rely on.

**Dawn Marie Loberg** - MN House (13b)

My husband and four daughters have snowmobiled for decades as a family. Many fond memories made on the trails. Now we ride with friends and extended family as well.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

Snowmobiling is an important part of Minnesota's outdoor recreation and tourism economy, particularly for rural communities. It supports local businesses, lodging, restaurants, equipment retailers, and jobs while providing an important winter tourism activity.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Yes, absolutely! Snowmobiling is a fantastic economic engine, a vital anchor for winter tourism in rural towns, and a beloved tradition that truly brings Minnesota's vibrant outdoor lifestyle to life.

**Brad Trahan** - MN House (25-A)

I strongly agree that snowmobiling is an essential part of Minnesota's economic health, quality of life, and tourism industry. I grew up riding snowmobiles, and it created lasting memories for our family. Snowmobiling creates an excellent economic impact for our state.

**Tom McKee** - MN House (37A)

It absolutely is especially in this district and throughout greater minnesota. As mayor of Corcoran, we have worked regularly with our local snowmobile association on routing trails as new development changes paths over time and have remained dedicated to finding a solution to keep snowmobiling viable throughout the community.

**Darci Smith** - MN House (37A)

I love winter sports and am so enthusiastic about the benefits of our local snowmobile clubs. They build community/economy, take environmental stewardship seriously, and are a fantastic example of how we can all work together! Growing up in SD and taking part in the Sturgis Bike Rally (I bartended in college!), I know the benefit of seasonal sport and recreation. I even worked at a snowmobile lodge in Spearfish, SD! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to seek your endorsement.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

This is especially true in the rural, Northern district 3A that I am running to represent. I live in Tower, MN and the economic impact for our area is massive. Not only does snowmobiling contribute to our economy, but it does so at a critical time. The influx of business during the winter, our slowest time of year, is critical in keeping family owned business going during the lean months.

**Rep. Roger J. Skraba** - MN House (3A)

I have been snowmobiling since I was 5 years old, I have been a trail administrator out of Ely for many years and I personally know how much snowmobiling impacts this state and I will defend and help grow this industry.

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

Using "tax revenue" is not a good way to promote recreational activities. The activities themself should be the release from government. It's not about what revenue it can generate, it's about creating meaning and joy in your life!

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

In last past 10 or so years, snowmobiling has had fewer good seasons for enjoyment here in southwest Minnesota. Either the snow does not come, or the snow does not last. Some local dealers have not moved as many snowmobiles as they would like.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Absolutely. Snowmobiling is part of the fabric of Northern Minnesota. It supports resorts, restaurants, bars, gas stations, dealerships, repair shops, lodging businesses, and countless small businesses during a time of year when tourism dollars are especially important. It is also a tradition that brings families and communities together.

As a member of the Senate Environment Committee, I have been a strong and consistent champion for snowmobiling, ATV riding, and motorized recreation.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

Snowmobiling plays a huge role in Minnesota's economy and, as an industry, is vital to the state.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

I grew up snowmobiling in northern Minnesota. Outdoor recreation is a major driver of Minnesota's economy and local small business growth. Supporting our state's trail network drives tourism, boosts local hospitality businesses, and enhances our winter quality of life.

## 2. Will you support legislation to authorize a specialized license plate (sometimes called a vanity plate) featuring snowmobiling for an additional fee to purchasers who choose this license plate for their automobiles?

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## *Additional Comments (Verbatim)*

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

I support creating a specialized snowmobile license plate for Minnesotans who want to show their support for the sport. I'll work with the Legislature to authorize the plate to support the outdoor recreation infrastructure that communities across Minnesota rely on.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

I support offering a snowmobiling specialty plate for Minnesotans who choose to purchase one, provided the additional fee covers the costs of producing and administering the plate and does not create a burden on the state's general fund.

**Duane Quam** - MN House (24A)

I was chief author on the LEMA plate bill that passed.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Yes, I would support legislation to authorize a specialized snowmobiling license plate.

Dedicated Revenue Generation: Similar to existing specialty plates for state parks or veterans, a snowmobiling plate offers a voluntary way for enthusiasts to show their passion while raising dedicated funds through the additional fees collected directly for trail maintenance, grooming, and safety programs without increasing taxes for general motorists.

**Brad Trahan** - MN House (25-A)

Yes, as long as it's voluntary, and not a new mandate or tax.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

Vanity plates, such as the Critical Habitat license plate program, generate over $5 million annually for conservation projects across the state. Rather than a usage or vehicle tax increase, a modest, optional contribution through a license plate program has the ability to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for trail maintenance and conservation annually.

**Rep. Roger J. Skraba** - MN House (3A)

I sit on the transportation committee and I've tried to get it across the finish line, perhaps when we have a new governor we'll be successful.

**Jen Fox** - MN House (41B)

As long as the fee goes to the snowmobile organizations!

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

If you can have all the other options, why not create that one?

If I had my way, you wouldn't need to pay the state to operate YOUR vehicle and allow them to keep 'tabs' on your property, every single year.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**Rick Hansen** - MN House (53B)

We have too many vanity plates. It takes a minimum number of purchasers to authorize and the potential pool is undetermined or limited It will not raise revenue

**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

Seems reasonable. There are quite a few specialty plates available.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. I would be proud to support a snowmobiling license plate, particularly if the additional proceeds help strengthen Minnesota snowmobiling and our trail system. If you need a chief author, I would be thrilled to do so.

**Kristy Janigo** - MN Senate (37)

Additional specialized license plates have proven difficult to get because some transportation committee members are resistant to adding new ones. I've been advocating for years for specialized plates for the military and veterans community. But, I'll be going back to support those plates once I'm elected, and I'd certainly support a specialized license plate featuring snowmobiling. I've formed relationships with people on the transportation committee, and I think I can help with this.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

Specialized license plates are a good source of revenue for organizations such as the snowmobiling industry and are also an excellent way to show support and promote the activity.

**Brian Stalboerger** - MN Senate (47)

Haven't considered this, so reserve the right to change my mind if there are some logistical problems with this that would not be paid for by the additional fee.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

Voluntary specialty license plates are a market-based, budget-neutral mechanism to generate revenue for trail maintenance without raising general taxes on non-participating citizens.

**3. Inflation has dramatically increased the cost of fuel and building materials necessary to develop, maintain and groom Minnesota's snowmobile trails for the public benefit. Local volunteer snowmobile clubs are tasked with doing this work. Do you support a sales tax exemption for building materials used to construct and maintain snowmobile trails (for example, a bridge replacement)?**

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## *Additional Comments (Verbatim)*

**Steven Young** - Governor

Not only should these building materials be tax exempt, but my Green Jobs program will (among other things) provide lots of jobs for folks who want to do this work.

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

Our local snowmobile clubs and volunteers do tremendous work maintaining these trails, and we should make sure they can stretch every dollar further as they invest in safe, accessible trails.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

**YES, with conditions.**

I support a sales tax exemption for building materials used to construct and maintain state or grant-in-aid snowmobile trails when those materials are purchased directly by a qualifying nonprofit snowmobile club. The exemption should be limited to materials actually used for public trail purposes and should not create a broader tax exemption for private or commercial purchases.

**Duane Quam** - MN House (24A)

I'm familiar with the local trails. My uncle and cousins have helped with the local trail. They have large sections on their farm land.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Relieving Volunteer Burnout: Local snowmobile clubs shoulder an immense amount of physical labor and fundraising to keep the state's vast trail network safe and operational. With inflation driving up the cost of lumber, culverts, and bridge materials, granting tax relief ensures that more of their hard earned dollars and volunteer funds go directly into physical repairs rather than state sales taxes.

**Brad Trahan** - MN House (25-A)

Yes, but the exemption should be targeted to trail infrastructure and maintenance, including such things as a bridge replacement.

**Patty Bradway** - MN House (36B)

To help all Minnesotans, Republicans want to lower taxes on everyone. This is a starting point and will help the boost recreational activities and subsequently the economy of MN.

**Tom McKee** - MN House (37A)

That seems like a reasonable and helpful idea that I would certainly like to explore further.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

I support a sales tax exemption for volunteer trail maintenance organizations. There are already exemptions in place for local governments and public entities, why not extend that to those volunteer organizations investing in trail maintenance.

**Jen Fox** - MN House (41B)

We need to fund this fully and work it through the municipalities. Your organization should not take the brunt of the taxes nor the work.

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

Although a sales tax is the only sort of tax I would support, I would always support a tax cut for everyone.

**Karl Olson** - MN House (46A)

It's not clear to me that the benefits of this are worth the hassle. If snowmobiling is as popular as your first question indicates, then any additional needed fundraising should be no problem.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

The trails are for public use and built and maintained by volunteers. It is reasonable to not tax the materials purchased for public use.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. Our volunteer snowmobile clubs provide an incredible public service, and the cost of maintaining trails, replacing bridges, operating groomers, and purchasing fuel has increased substantially. I support exempting qualifying trail construction and maintenance materials from the sales tax so more of these limited dollars can go directly into trails. As Vice Chair of the Senate Tax Committee, I would be more than happy to help spearhead this policy through.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

I have always been impressed by the volunteers who maintain and groom the snowmobile trails throughout the state. A sales tax exemption makes sense given these folks maintain these trails on a volunteer basis.

**Brian Stalboerger** - MN Senate (47)

I definitely see the value the volunteer club provides in maintaining such things for the benefit of all. I would seek to treat this issue in the similar fashion as other volunteer or non-profit organizations are treated. I could not justify a tax-exemption for snowmobile clubs that would not also apply to other similar groups. But I would definitely go to bat for snowmobile clubs if they weren't getting the exemption that others were getting for similar reasons.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

Local volunteer snowmobile clubs perform vital public infrastructure maintenance on behalf of our state. Exempting building materials for trail safety and bridge projects ensures volunteer and user-paid dollars go directly into infrastructure rather than state tax administration.

**4. The Snowmobile Dedicated Account is funded by the snowmobile registration tax and unrefunded gas tax attributed to snowmobile use. Under current law, funds in the account may be spent only for snowmobile purposes. Will you oppose any effort to divert funds from the Snowmobile Dedicated Account for non-snowmobiling purposes?**

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**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

Funds from the Snowmobile Dedicated Account should support snowmobiling, maintaining trails, and investing in the infrastructure that keeps Minnesota’s snowmobile system safe and strong.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

**YES, with a condition.**

I support keeping snowmobile-dedicated funds available for snowmobile-related needs and ensuring the account is adequately funded to maintain trails, enforcement, and safety. However, if the account has a sustained surplus after those needs and reasonable reserves are met, I would support making excess funds available for other outdoor recreation priorities, including state parks and trails.

In other words, the snowmobile program should pay for itself first, with gen

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

absolutely. I would strongly oppose any effort to divert funds from the Snowmobile Trails and Enforcement Account for non-snowmobiling purposes.

Protecting User-Generated Funds: The revenue in this account—derived from snowmobile registrations, trail passes, and unrefunded gas taxes paid by riders functions as a dedicated user pay system. Raiding or transferring these specialized funds to plug holes in the general budget breaks the faith of winter recreationists who pay into the system.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

As state budgets get tighter in the coming years, politicians will look for sources of revenue to pay for other interests. As representative for high use snowmobile area, funds must be protected so these trails are ready when people from across the state and nation come to visit

**Jen Fox** - MN House (41B)

There is not a "maybe" option.

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

If it isn't already diverted to pay for something very obscure, I would do everything I could to keep that money where it was/is intended to stay.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

It is right to honor the fund by retaining those the money for the stated and dedicated purposes.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. Snowmobilers pay these fees with the expectation that the money will support snowmobiling. I will oppose efforts to raid or divert the Snowmobile Dedicated Account for unrelated purposes. Dedicated user fees should remain dedicated to the people and trails that generated them.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

These funds should be preserved for their dedicated purpose.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

Dedicated user accounts must remain strictly dedicated. Diverting user fees and unrefunded gas taxes away from snowmobile infrastructure to fill general state budget holes violates basic fiscal discipline and government transparency.

## 5. Will you resist any legislative attempt to reduce the 1% unrefunded gas tax allocated to the snowmobile dedicated fund?

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**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

Protecting this dedicated funding will ensure our trails remain strong for riders and communities across the state.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

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I support maintaining a dedicated share of the gas tax for snowmobile-related expenses, but I would want to see the financial condition of the account before committing to a specific percentage. The goal should be to ensure that snowmobile registration fees and the gas tax attributable to snowmobile use adequately fund the program, while avoiding unnecessary accumulation of surplus funds.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Protecting Established Formulas: This allocation is not a subsidy; it is a calculated approximation of the motor fuel excise taxes paid by snowmobilers for off highway recreational use. Reducing that percentage would unfairly shortchange a revenue stream that riders have contributed to for decades, directly weakening the financial foundation available for trail grooming and safety enforcement.

**Patty Bradway** - MN House (36B)

As mentioned above, lowering taxes is important for all Minnesotans in the long run. For gas taxes, I'd like to see it uncoupled from inflation and all fees lowered. More money in ones pocket will give them the freedom to enjoy more recreational activities. Lowering these costs can lead to more people purchasing snowmobiles and using the trails.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

This is a battle that has already been fought. Now we must defend these funds.

**Rep. Roger J. Skraba** - MN House (3A)

It should be more than 1%….

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

I would like to eliminate those kinds of taxes. I will never play favorite with other people's money that is not voluntarily given...which is what that tax is.

I would make every effort to find better funding methods. Relying on public dollars to provide your recreation is a losing plan. I do not want outdoor recreation, not particularly snowmobiling to diminish, but stealing funds from others to pay for that is just wrong.

Do you like paying for football stadiums? Maybe...but that's also wr

**Karl Olson** - MN House (46A)

I'm not familiar with the issue, so I would support the status quo in the meantime.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**Andrew Rockhold** - MN House (4A)

I would like more information about this tax and how it is used.

**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

Again, in southern MN snowmobiling weather is inconsistent. But further north there is more use and more fun. Honor the fund.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. I support protecting the 1% allocation. Snowmobilers already contribute significantly to maintaining the trail system they use, and those resources should not be reduced or redirected.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

This is an important funding source for the State's Snowmobile Trails and Enforcement Account. I do not support reducing this funding source.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

The 1% allocation reflects user-paid fuel taxes generated by off-highway snowmobile use. Protecting this allocation maintains an equitable "user-pays, user-benefits" model for recreational state infrastructure.

## 7. Do you support a portion of the Parks and Trails Legacy Funds to go to trails that benefit snowmobiling?

| Candidate | Office | District | Response |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lisa Demuth | Governor | | Yes |
| Steven Young | Governor | | Yes |
| Amy Klobuchar | Governor | | Yes |
| Mary Franson | MN House | 12b | Yes |
| Dawn Marie Loberg | MN House | 13b | Yes |
| David J Torgelson | MN House | 16A | Yes |
| Martha Brown | MN House | 19A | No |
| Jennifer Compeau | MN House | 1B | Yes |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | Yes |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | Yes |
| John Michael Ajouri III | MN House | 24B | Yes |
| Brad Trahan | MN House | 25-A | Yes |
| Gregory M Davids | MN House | 26B | Yes |
| Brian Walker | MN House | 31A | No |
| Amanda Matchett | MN House | 32A | Yes |
| Patty Bradway | MN House | 36B | Yes |
| Tom McKee | MN House | 37A | Yes |
| Darci Smith | MN House | 37A | Yes |
| Aaron Kania | MN House | 3A | Yes |
| Rep. Roger J. Skraba | MN House | 3A | Yes |
| Wayne A Johnson | MN House | 41A | Yes |
| Jen Fox | MN House | 41B | Yes |
| TJ Hawthorne | MN House | 44B | Yes |
| Karl Olson | MN House | 46A | No |
| Joe Brothers | MN House | 48A | Yes |
| Andrew Rockhold | MN House | 4A | Yes |
| Thaddeus Laugisch | MN House | 4B | Yes |
| Rick Hansen | MN House | 53B | No |
| Aaron Paul | MN House | 54A | Yes |
| Pamela (Pam) Myhra | MN House | 55A | Yes |
| Todd Buchwald | MN House | 55B | Yes |
| Andrew Hattaway | MN House | 56B | Yes |
| Samuel Grigsby | MN House | 6A | Yes |
| Dan Horoshak | MN House | 7b | Yes |
| LS Rusty Nelson | MN House | | Yes |
| Grant Hauschild | MN Senate | 3 | Yes |
| Andrew Lang | MN Senate | 16 | Yes |
| Heather Gustafson | MN Senate | 36 | Yes |
| Kristy Janigo | MN Senate | 37 | Yes |
| Tom Dippel | MN Senate | 41 | Yes |

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| Judy Seeberger | MN Senate | 41 | Yes |
| Brian Stalboerger | MN Senate | 47 | Yes |
| Kris Babler | MN Senate | 49 | Yes |
| Ben Bakeberg | MN Senate | 54 | Yes |

## *Additional Comments (Verbatim)*

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

Parks and Trails Legacy Funds should support trails that have regional and statewide significance, including those that benefit snowmobiling, an important part of Minnesota's outdoor recreation economy and quality of life. As Governor, I will work to extend the Legacy Amendment before it sunsets, ensuring continued investment in Minnesota's parks, trails, and natural resources.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

**UNDECIDED**

I support using Parks and Trails Legacy Funds for projects that meet the fund's statutory purpose and provide significant public recreational benefit. I would want to review the proposed project and its benefits to determine whether snowmobile trails are an appropriate use of Legacy Funds.

**Duane Quam** - MN House (24A)

It may be restricted to trails in certain areas. I haven't been part of any committee discussions.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Supporting Multi-Use Infrastructure: Many premier trails across Minnesota are designed to be multi-seasonal, serving hikers, bikers, and ATV riders in the warmer months and seamlessly transitioning to groomed snowmobile routes when the snow falls. Allowing Legacy funds to help build, pave, bridge, and maintain these shared-use corridors ensures that public investments yield year round recreational value for communities and visitors alike.

**Brian Walker** - MN House (31A)

I need more information to give an informed decision. This is not a hard no, but I need to understand this better.

**Patty Bradway** - MN House (36B)

I'm not fully versed in the breakdown and distribution of the Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, but since 'trails' is in the title, there's no reason why that money shouldn't go to snowmobiling...half the year MN is covered in snow!

**Tom McKee** - MN House (37A)

I think that would make sense to have some portion available, yes

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund dictates money be spent strictly to "support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance." The trails we have here in Northern Minnesota would certainly qualify under this description.

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

If the money is already stolen, why not get it to where it should go?

**Karl Olson** - MN House (46A)

I support the status quo until I learn more about the issue.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**Rick Hansen** - MN House (53B)

When reauthorization ballot question occurs we need to increase parks & trails allocation

Multi use trails

I think how we distribute these funds also needs to be re-evaluated

**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

I support the idea, but I need to study all the demands on the Legacy Funds before I commit to a specific percent or dollar amount.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. Motorized recreation is a legitimate and important way Minnesotans enjoy the outdoors. Where trails are eligible and consistent with constitutional and statutory requirements, I support using Parks and Trails Legacy funding for projects that benefit snowmobiling and improve our broader trail network.

**Brian Stalboerger** - MN Senate (47)

Undecided. Need more info.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

The voter-approved Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment was intended to support our state's diverse outdoor recreation assets. Snowmobiling trails are a core component of Minnesota's winter recreational infrastructure and merit fair access to Legacy funding.

## 8. Will you support efforts to protect and accommodate trail crossings for new publicly funded rail developments (both light and heavy rail)?

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|---|---|---|---|
| Lisa Demuth | Governor | | Yes |
| Steven Young | Governor | | Yes |
| Amy Klobuchar | Governor | | Yes |
| Mary Franson | MN House | 12b | Yes |
| Dawn Marie Loberg | MN House | 13b | Yes |
| David J Torgelson | MN House | 16A | Yes |
| Martha Brown | MN House | 19A | Yes |
| Jennifer Compeau | MN House | 1B | Yes |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | Yes |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | Yes |
| John Michael Ajouri III | MN House | 24B | Yes |
| Brad Trahan | MN House | 25-A | Yes |
| Gregory M Davids | MN House | 26B | Yes |
| Brian Walker | MN House | 31A | Yes |
| Amanda Matchett | MN House | 32A | Yes |
| Patty Bradway | MN House | 36B | Yes |
| Tom McKee | MN House | 37A | Yes |
| Darci Smith | MN House | 37A | Yes |
| Aaron Kania | MN House | 3A | Yes |
| Rep. Roger J. Skraba | MN House | 3A | Yes |
| Wayne A Johnson | MN House | 41A | Yes |
| Jen Fox | MN House | 41B | Yes |
| TJ Hawthorne | MN House | 44B | Yes |
| Karl Olson | MN House | 46A | Yes |
| Joe Brothers | MN House | 48A | Yes |
| Andrew Rockhold | MN House | 4A | Yes |
| Thaddeus Laugisch | MN House | 4B | Yes |
| Rick Hansen | MN House | 53B | Yes |
| Aaron Paul | MN House | 54A | Yes |
| Pamela (Pam) Myhra | MN House | 55A | Yes |
| Todd Buchwald | MN House | 55B | Yes |
| Andrew Hattaway | MN House | 56B | Yes |
| Samuel Grigsby | MN House | 6A | Yes |
| Dan Horoshak | MN House | 7b | Yes |
| LS Rusty Nelson | MN House | | Yes |
| Grant Hauschild | MN Senate | 3 | Yes |
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| Kristy Janigo | MN Senate | 37 | Yes |
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| Judy Seeberger | MN Senate | 41 | Yes |
| Brian Stalboerger | MN Senate | 47 | Yes |
| Kris Babler | MN Senate | 49 | Yes |
| Ben Bakeberg | MN Senate | 54 | Yes |

## *Additional Comments (Verbatim)*

**Steven Young** - Governor

I'm a light rail operator with Metro Transit, and believe me, the last thing I want is for our citizens to be at risk with our rail system. So, yeah, I'll make sure your trail crossings are preserved and safe.

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

As Governor, I would support efforts to protect and accommodate snowmobile and recreational trail crossings when planning and building publicly funded rail projects. We should make sure new transportation investments work alongside Minnesota’s trail networks and preserve safe, accessible connections for riders and other trail users.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

Publicly funded rail projects should protect existing recreational trails and provide safe, practical crossings where needed. I support planning for these crossings early in the project so that rail development and Minnesota's trail system can coexist.

**Duane Quam** - MN House (24A)

Need to have safety standards to prevent risk to the riders.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

absolutely. I strongly support protecting, maintaining, and properly accommodating trail crossings when new public transit and rail developments are planned and constructed.

**Patty Bradway** - MN House (36B)

I'm against new light rail projects which cost way more than they benefit the state, so we can protect trail crossings by cutting those projects out.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

We have many rail lines in Northeastern Minnesota that connect our mines to ships on Lake Superior. We also have lines that connect Chicago to Canada which receive heavy use. These run through the heart of some of the best snowmobile country in the state.

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

Again, if the money is already stolen for these boondoggle projects, there better be accommodations made for these kinds of things.

**Karl Olson** - MN House (46A)

You need to know that I am running in St. Louis Park. We have been waiting for the Southwest Metro Light Rail, also known as the Green Line Extension, for years, beyond the five years I have been living here, and in Minnesota, all waiting. Meanwhile, the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, has enjoyed Light Rail service since 2015. Perhaps Minnesota should ask Ethiopia for foreign aid. And so it goes . . . .

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

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**Samuel Grigsby** - MN House (6A)

I think our beautiful trails and groups that work to maintain them are essential to our area. I am committed to protecting these areas and I am happy to visit with these groups at any time.

**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

Safety is important. I am an EMT; and I would rather not have to respond to an ugly collision of train and snowmobile. There is only one loser in that incident.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. Existing recreational trail connections should be considered from the beginning when publicly funded rail projects are designed. We should not spend public dollars creating unnecessary barriers for established snowmobile and recreational trails. Safe and practical crossings should be incorporated into planning wherever possible.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

Infrastructure planning must preserve existing recreational corridors and connectivity. Protecting established trail crossings during major public rail development prevents costly retrofits later and protects public safety.

## 9. Do you have any other ideas on how to achieve adequate funding for Minnesota's snowmoblie trails?

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|---|---|---|---|
| Lisa Demuth | Governor | | Minnesota's economy and culture benefit tremendously from snowmobiling. As Governor, I'l |
| Steven Young | Governor | | Green Jobs and green development! Developing our snowmobile trails is genuinely, an easy |
| Amy Klobuchar | Governor | | I'm running for Governor, because I am not satisfied with the status quo. In addition to the id |
| Mary Franson | MN House | 12b | I am open to suggestions |
| Dawn Marie Loberg | MN House | 13b | Promote snowmobile clubs.  Even people who only snowmobile once a year would probably |
| David J Torgelson | MN House | 16A | |
| Martha Brown | MN House | 19A | I believe snowmobiling should be primarily funded by those who choose to participate in the<br><br>I would be open to reviewing whether current user fees adequately cover those costs and ac |
| Jennifer Compeau | MN House | 1B | I think we have a lot of work ahead of us to achieve adequate funding for many things acros |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | |
| Duane Quam | MN House | 24A | One of the local trails goes through my uncles, and cousins farms. They have been doing a |
| John Michael Ajouri III | MN House | 24B | Expanding Corporate and Tourism Partnerships: Collaborating more closely with regional to |
| Brad Trahan | MN House | 25-A | Protect dedicated funding, find additional voluntary sources of revenue, reduce unnecessary |
| Gregory M Davids | MN House | 26B | |
| Brian Walker | MN House | 31A | |
| Amanda Matchett | MN House | 32A | |
| Patty Bradway | MN House | 36B | I'm MN born and bread, but from my small farm where we didn't have much money, to living |
| Tom McKee | MN House | 37A | Off hand I can't remember if gambling funds are authorized for this type of use but if not that |
| Darci Smith | MN House | 37A | I have been honored to attend a local snowmobile club meeting, and am looking forward to a |
| Aaron Kania | MN House | 3A | It is encouraging to see the partnering of snowmobile clubs with other clubs such as the ATV |
| Rep. Roger J. Skraba | MN House | 3A | We need to establish a way to use Legacy dollars and LCCMR dollars anually. |
| Wayne A Johnson | MN House | 41A | |
| Jen Fox | MN House | 41B | Thank you for the opportunity to submit! I am very committed to Snomobile safety in our dist |
| TJ Hawthorne | MN House | 44B | It's NOT all about money...the state government does not have money, it must take from oth<br>I wish your organization good luck and hope you have MANY smiles on the trails this winter! |
| Karl Olson | MN House | 46A | While I'm not an expert in this topic, I do think that the economic benefits of snowmobile tour |
| Joe Brothers | MN House | 48A | Yes |
| Andrew Rockhold | MN House | 4A | I would like to know more about these programs. |
| Thaddeus Laugisch | MN House | 4B | |
| Rick Hansen | MN House | 53B | Capital investment (bonding) |
| Aaron Paul | MN House | 54A | |
| Pamela (Pam) Myhra | MN House | 55A | |
| Todd Buchwald | MN House | 55B | I would support the MN Lottery to come out with a series of Snowmobile and winter focused |
| Andrew Hattaway | MN House | 56B | I think the best way to keep Minnesota's snowmobile trails funded is to protect the money sn |
| Samuel Grigsby | MN House | 6A | Funding is always a hard question to answer. I think we should work with these groups and |
| Dan Horoshak | MN House | 7b | |
| LS Rusty Nelson | MN House | | I greatly appreciate your work,  thoughtfulness, and volunteerism.  The next funding biennium |
| Grant Hauschild | MN Senate | 3 | Yes. We should increase grant in aid support to reflect the real costs of grooming, fuel, equip<br><br>As a member of the Senate Environment Committee, I have consistently fought for snowmo |

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| Andrew Lang | MN Senate | 16 | |
| Heather Gustafson | MN Senate | 36 | Always willing listen to people's ideas! Thank you for the invitation to complete this form! |
| Kristy Janigo | MN Senate | 37 | The Minnesota veterans community has begun pushing for free registration for disabled vets |
| Tom Dippel | MN Senate | 41 | |
| Judy Seeberger | MN Senate | 41 | I am happy to be a voice at the Capitol to promote the snowmobiling industry and advocate |
| Brian Stalboerger | MN Senate | 47 | As a new candidate, this questionnaire form might encourage me not to answer it at all since |
| Kris Babler | MN Senate | 49 | Safeguard Dedicated Accounts: Strictly protect dedicated user fees from state fund raids or<br><br>Cut DNR Bureaucracy: Streamline the DNR Grant-in-Aid approval process to reduce admini<br><br>Expand Voluntary Revenue: Support opt-in funding mechanisms like voluntary donation mat |
| Ben Bakeberg | MN Senate | 54 | |

# 9. Do you have any other ideas on how to achieve adequate funding for Minnesota's snowmoblie trails?

**Lisa Demuth** - Governor

Minnesota's economy and culture benefit tremendously from snowmobiling. As Governor, I'll ensure that our government at the state level listens carefully to the concerns of this valued industry and all of its stakeholders. I will ensure our Department of Natural Resources continues to place a high value on the contributions that this industry makes to our outdoors.

**Steven Young** - Governor

Green Jobs and green development! Developing our snowmobile trails is genuinely, an easy win for our economy. It's also fun as hell. Let's ride!

**Amy Klobuchar** - Governor

I'm running for Governor, because I am not satisfied with the status quo. In addition to the ideas for revenue you've outlined, I'll break down agency silos so that dollars dedicated to the outdoors work together and result in projects that snowmobilers and other Minnesotans can enjoy. I'll be proud to partner with snowmobilers and the industry to keep our winter traditions and our outdoor economy strong.

**Mary Franson** - MN House (12b)

I am open to suggestions

**Dawn Marie Loberg** - MN House (13b)

Promote snowmobile clubs. Even people who only snowmobile once a year would probably help fund the trails. Rely on the public as well as government.

**Martha Brown** - MN House (19A)

I believe snowmobiling should be primarily funded by those who choose to participate in the activity. Registration fees, trail permits, and the portion of gas taxes attributable to snowmobile use should be sufficient to support the costs of maintaining the trail system, with reasonable contributions from clubs and volunteers.

I would be open to reviewing whether current user fees adequately cover those costs and adjusting them if necessary. I would also support exploring ways to reduce the envi

**Jennifer Compeau** - MN House (1B)

I think we have a lot of work ahead of us to achieve adequate funding for many things across Minnesota - regionally and for my district, I know how important it is to have recreational abilities, especially during our long winter months, and will fight hard to make sure those options stay available to us. Thank you for the opportunity!

**Duane Quam** - MN House (24A)

One of the local trails goes through my uncles, and cousins farms. They have been doing a large part of the trail maintenance work for over a decade.

**John Michael Ajouri III** - MN House (24B)

Expanding Corporate and Tourism Partnerships: Collaborating more closely with regional tourism bureaus, hospitality associations, and corporate outdoor brands to establish public private sponsorship programs can inject supplementary private capital into trail development, bridge repairs, and major marketing initiatives for winter tourism.

**Brad Trahan** - MN House (25-A)

Protect dedicated funding, find additional voluntary sources of revenue, reduce unnecessary cost (maximize current dollars), and make sure more dollars reach the trails where they are needed - it's intended purpose.

**Patty Bradway** - MN House (36B)

I'm MN born and bread, but from my small farm where we didn't have much money, to living in the metro area, my family has never owned snowmobiles, but they are so much a part of MN recreational economy that I do support what your association is doing. As Republicans try and lower costs for all Minnesotans, they will have more money in their pockets to enjoy the great MN outdoors and hopefully bring more business to all recreational businesses.

**Tom McKee** - MN House (37A)

Off hand I can't remember if gambling funds are authorized for this type of use but if not that would potentially be a source. Similarly, potentially allowing cities to use park dedication funds for maintenance and acquisition of snowmobile trail corridors. I'd certainly be open to brainstorming other ideas with your members.

**Darci Smith** - MN House (37A)

I have been honored to attend a local snowmobile club meeting, and am looking forward to attending another in October at Ox Yoke Inn. If I'm elected, I intend to collaborate with the snowmobile community as much as possible as it is a huge part of MN's economy and culture. In 37A specifically, I'd commit to doing all I can to support trail protection and growth by using my unique collaboration skills and protecting fiercely the financial resources y'all have worked so hard to build.

**Aaron Kania** - MN House (3A)

It is encouraging to see the partnering of snowmobile clubs with other clubs such as the ATV groups. This allows the sharing of equipment, buildings, volunteer time and even the sharing of trails. Sharing of resources creates an economy of scale that is sustainable. Trails are a good investment in our

communities. That is a good story to tell when budgets are stretched.

**Rep. Roger J. Skraba** - MN House (3A)

We need to establish a way to use Legacy dollars and LCCMR dollars anually.

**Jen Fox** - MN House (41B)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit! I am very committed to Snomobile safety in our district and want to work with you in the future!

**TJ Hawthorne** - MN House (44B)

It's NOT all about money...the state government does not have money, it must take from others to create revenue. The idea we have ALL been operating under, that the state needs to 'fund' everything in our lives, is flawed and must change before it's too late.
I wish your organization good luck and hope you have MANY smiles on the trails this winter!

**Karl Olson** - MN House (46A)

While I'm not an expert in this topic, I do think that the economic benefits of snowmobile tourism can be a source of funding to maintain the trails. While I am a city person and have almost zero snowmobile experience, making it easy - for a free-market price - for a city person to experience snowmobiling would help to broaden public support statewide. Maybe this is already available by some wise winter guides, but as I continue to explore my new state, I look forward to learning more.

**Joe Brothers** - MN House (48A)

Yes

**Andrew Rockhold** - MN House (4A)

I would like to know more about these programs.

**Rick Hansen** - MN House (53B)

Capital investment (bonding)

**Todd Buchwald** - MN House (55B)

I would support the MN Lottery to come out with a series of Snowmobile and winter focused tickets to benefit Snowmobiles and trails.

**Andrew Hattaway** - MN House (56B)

I think the best way to keep Minnesota’s snowmobile trails funded is to protect the money snowmobilers already pay in and make sure it reaches the local clubs doing the work. Keeping dedicated accounts dedicated, cutting red tape so projects move faster, and encouraging local partnerships will help strengthen the system without growing state government.

**Samuel Grigsby** - MN House (6A)

Funding is always a hard question to answer. I think we should work with these groups and try and find ways the state can help as we rely on these tourism dollars every winter to help keep our local small businesses going in that time of year.

**LS Rusty Nelson** - MN House

I greatly appreciate your work, thoughtfulness, and volunteerism. The next funding biennium looks tight. I trust that maintaining snowmobile trail funding will happen without too much push-back. And if the budget projections improve, then we will see about improving snowmobile trail funding, as well.

**Grant Hauschild** - MN Senate (3)

Yes. We should increase grant in aid support to reflect the real costs of grooming, fuel, equipment, bridges, and trail maintenance while protecting every dollar snowmobilers already pay into the system.

As a member of the Senate Environment Committee, I have consistently fought for snowmobiling, ATVs, and motorized recreation. I will keep working to make sure our volunteer clubs have the resources they need and that Minnesota remains one of the best places in the country to snowmobile.

**Heather Gustafson** - MN Senate (36)

Always willing listen to people's ideas! Thank you for the invitation to complete this form!

**Kristy Janigo** - MN Senate (37)

The Minnesota veterans community has begun pushing for free registration for disabled vets, and I'd like to talk with you about this. The western part of SD37 has a vibrant community of snowmobilers. I snowmobiled as a child growing up in rural ND. I volunteer for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office as a water patrol special deputy. In the winter, if the ice conditions are right, we patrol with snowmobile on Lake Minnetonka and surrounding trails. I am very interested in safe snowmobiling.

**Judy Seeberger** - MN Senate (41)

I am happy to be a voice at the Capitol to promote the snowmobiling industry and advocate for the needs of the snowmobiling community.

**Brian Stalboerger** - MN Senate (47)

As a new candidate, this questionnaire form might encourage me not to answer it at all since you must answer Yes/No for each question. I suspect incumbents know more about the issues and what you have educated them on in the past. I suspect I would be in favor of what you are asking, but I don't want to make false promises. I need more information and would have to actually read the bill proposed.

**Kris Babler** - MN Senate (49)

Safeguard Dedicated Accounts: Strictly protect dedicated user fees from state fund raids or administrative sweeps.

Cut DNR Bureaucracy: Streamline the DNR Grant-in-Aid approval process to reduce administrative delays and let local volunteer clubs stretch maintenance dollars further.

Expand Voluntary Revenue: Support opt-in funding mechanisms like voluntary donation match options during annual DNR registration renewals.