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As a member of the Iron Range delegation, I am writing to encourage your continued support for Mesabi Metallics and the prompt approval of its permit amendments.

This project is not just important to the Iron Range; it matters to Minnesota as a whole. Mesabi Metallics will be the state's first new mine and pellet plant in my lifetime and will be Minnesota's first mining operation designed with zero process water discharge.

The investment and economic impact are significant. By the time the project is complete, more than \$2.4 billion will have been invested. Once fully operational, the project will support hundreds of well-paying jobs, generate more than \$30 million in annual tax revenue, and help ensure long-term economic stability for a region that could use some good news.

The benefits are already being felt. Mesabi Metallics employs more than 80 full-time workers and supports approximately 600 union construction jobs, most of which are filled by Minnesotans. The company has also made meaningful investments in the community through public engagement and support for more than 25 local projects.

The Iron Range has a proud history of supplying the resources that drive our state and nation. Mesabi Metallics offers an opportunity to build on that tradition while setting a high standard for responsible, modern mining.

I respectfully ask for your support as this project moves through its final permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Farnsworth".

Senator Rob Farnsworth