



Dear Legislator,

Minnesota Ski Areas Association (MnSAA) represents the alpine skiing and snowboarding industry in Minnesota. We advocate for policies that promote and support the tourism industries, outdoor recreation and the environment.

MnSAA supports the creation of a certified salt applicator program. We respectfully request your support on this bill which will support our industries efforts to provide our guests and staff with the safest experience while visiting our areas. Which is critical to our industries success.

Establishing an incentivized program to increase training and education on best practices will ultimately create a safe and environmentally friendly environment for Minnesotans to enjoy outdoor recreation in the winter.. This bill will support my members and all property owners in Minnesota with education on the best practices for the application of salt.

Helping educate property owners and managers on the best practices for de-icing will reduce the amount of salt used during Minnesota winters. This will help reduce the amount of salt introduced into the environment and reduce the pollution of our lakes and waterways. It will also reduce expenses for property owners and managers which will help increase dollars available for reinvestment and future expansions.

We are thankful for your consideration of this request and hope you will support the bill. Please contact Minnesota Ski Areas Association with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director