



**Range Association of  
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**RE: 2025 RAMS Dues and Membership Letter**

RAMS Members,

RAMS has been a constant source of advocacy and strength for our region since its founding in 1939. Increasingly, however, the people making decisions that affect the Taconite Assistance Area, don't live here. We seemingly have to work harder than ever before to have a seat at the table and tell our story. I'm grateful for the membership of RAMS. Our local communities have shown that they understand that we are stronger together.

Over the last year we have seen an increase in member engagement in the activities at RAMS. We continue to host member meetings, lunch & learns, organize and engage around broadband, housing, EMS, permit and regulatory reform, municipal infrastructure, school funding, grants, and bonding for the benefit of our members. Civic and corporate membership continues to grow. We are building on our partnerships and collaborative work with regional foundations and agencies. RAMS will continue to deliver phenomenal value to our membership and hopes to build on our successes in 2025!

RAMS is deeply grateful for your commitment to our region. We are also mindful that we need to be able to keep our organization strong as we protect what we have and fight for what we deserve. We will keep working hard for our cities, townships, and school districts, regionally and in St. Paul. To address rising costs and remain financially stable, the RAMS Board approved a modest inflationary increase (2.9%) for 2025.

Thank you for your past membership in RAMS and I look forward to our continued work together! I am always available by phone or email. I am especially interested in hearing how things are going in your municipality. If RAMS can be helpful in any way, please invite us to one of your meetings or events, or just drop me a note or call!

Sincerely,

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*Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) The organization represents more than 155,000 residents and 69 public sector units of government, including 27 cities, 27 townships, and 15 public school district in the 13,000 square mile Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) of northeast Minnesota. As an organization, RAMS has represented the interests of the Iron Range region for 85 years.*

