



Here's a quick overview of MMUA's February Government Relations video. It does two things:

- Summarizes the Association's open process for developing 2026 legislative priorities to benefit and preserve municipal utilities like yours, and
- Provides a brief overview of those priorities for the session that begins on February 17, 2026.

MMUA's Board of Directors reviewed a total of 19 issues that were suggested by members, joint action agencies, and other stakeholders. The issues were also discussed by MMUA's Government Relations Advisory Group (GRAG) and forwarded to the Board for its action. Through a multi-step procedure described in the video, the MMUA Board identified the following top five areas of focus for the 2026 session:

1. **No third-party sales:** MMUA will oppose proposals that allow unregulated third parties to sell power directly to utility customers.
2. **Right-of-first refusal (ROFR) reform:** MMUA will explore changes to help municipal utilities participate more equitably in new transmission projects.
3. **PFAS mitigation:** MMUA will support efforts that fund PFAS cleanup and advocate for utilities to be treated as conduits of PFAS, not the source of these "forever chemicals."
4. **Net metering reform:** MMUA will continue work to make Minnesota's net metering laws fairer for all customers.
5. **"All of the above" carbon-free strategy:** MMUA will support repeal of the nuclear moratorium and recognition of biomass as an acceptable fuel as utilities strive to meet Minnesota's 2040 carbon-free requirements.

In addition, MMUA will also engage in defensive work on issues that could have a negative effect on municipal utilities. Finally, the Association will advocate and work with others to see the passage of a bonding bill, whenever opportunities arise.

You can read more about these issues in the February 2026 issue of MMUA's monthly newspaper, *The Resource*. If you are not receiving *The Resource*, email [rkelly@mmua.org](mailto:rkelly@mmua.org) to be added to the list.

Throughout the session, watch for the *Capitol Letter*, a frequent update on the session as it progresses in real time and consider attending the weekly GRAG virtual meetings on Friday mornings. To be added to the GRAG list, email [bblack@mmua.org](mailto:bblack@mmua.org). We hope you will consider joining MMUA and your municipal utilities colleagues us at MMUA's Legislative Conference **March 24–25** in downtown St. Paul where we will bring our issues directly to elected decision-makers. Learn more at [mmua.org](http://mmua.org).