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**Subject: HF2295 – Bernardy:**

**Work Zone Safety Pilot Program**

**Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Committee**

Egan Company fully supports the Work Zone Safety Pilot Program and is hopeful the great state of Minnesota will adopt long term, automated speed enforcement within the road construction sector.

We've experienced the loss of coworkers (2011) on the roadway and are aware of many other organizations that have also suffered loss in our local construction community. It is time we take another step forward to protect our people in work zones.

*Stay Safe; Safety First, Safety Always* is a core value at Egan Company. When we have safety-related conversations with our people working in the roadway, their fear and number one safety concern is speeds of vehicles and those speeding losing control of their vehicle. Each and every day, with or without law enforcement presence, our employees put their life in the hands of the traveling, oftentimes speeding and/or distracted, public. We are aware of speeds based on digital speed signs that are placed in many construction work zones.

The MNDOT and construction community task force that was put together to make these recommendations on improving safety of work zones is an effective group – some brilliant ideas and approaches have been summarized. Let's move forward together. The Work Zone Safety Pilot Program will make a significant improvement surrounding safety to all of our people in work zones.

Sincerely,

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