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Dear Representative Moran:

On behalf of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP), the professional association of pediatricians and pediatricians-in-training, thank you for authoring HF 3072, legislation to prohibit tobacco use in vehicles where children are present. The MNAAP strongly supports your bill and urges its passage.

The use of tobacco products is a well-documented danger, for both the user and those in the vicinity. Studies have proven that secondhand smoke, particularly in small spaces like a vehicle, is a known carcinogen. Children exposed to secondhand smoke have more frequent and severe asthma attacks, as well as increased rates of respiratory infections, ear infections, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and other dangers. Research has also shown that opening a vehicle's windows does not mitigate these risks. Simply put, there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Once again, thank you for your leadership to address this health risk for Minnesota's youngest and most vulnerable. To improve child health, pediatricians across the state enthusiastically endorse HF 3072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori DeFrance MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

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