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TO: Members
House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

FROM: Nick Klaseus, President
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RE: Support for HF 3436

The Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation wants to voice its strong support for HF 3436 and thank Representative Allen for bringing this important piece of legislation forward for consideration.

The Legislature has made concerted efforts over the past decade to reduce the number of school bus stop-arm violations that occur throughout Minnesota. These efforts have promoted a greater understanding of the stop-arm law and has heightened public awareness of the necessity to stop when the school bus has its red warning lights flashing and the stop-arm extended. Unfortunately, violations are still too high as drivers are either distracted or attempt to find a way around the law.

HF 3436 brings clarification to current law and makes it absolutely clear that the red warning lights are part of the comprehensive stop-arm system and must be obeyed by drivers when following a school bus. Drivers need to be aware of this and HF 3436 removes any doubt about how the stop-arm law should be applied.

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