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Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy  
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Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Committee Members,


The American Lung Association writes in opposition to House File 376 which would repeal health-protective clean air standards for new motor vehicles sold in Minnesota to the detriment of public health.

Utilizing state authority, Minnesota adopted clean vehicle standards in 2021 that are more protective than federal standards to protect the health of residents against traffic emissions. Transportation emissions are a known cause of a wide range of health emergencies, health disparities and deaths. Traffic-related air pollution is associated with premature death, death due to lung cancer, increases in childhood respiratory infection, and the onset of new asthma cases in children and adults, according to the most comprehensive review conducted by the Health Effects Institute.

Minnesota's clean vehicle standards are designed to reduce the harms caused by vehicle emissions and offer the most health-protective tool available to accomplish this goal. This tool supports the health of Minnesotans most vulnerable to the effects of harmful air pollutants, including tens of thousands of children and hundreds of thousands of adults living with asthma in our state. Clean car standards now in place offer fewer harmful emissions and increased access to more efficient vehicles, including non-pollution vehicle options.

To ensure the continued success of the most protective vehicle emission standards for the health of Minnesotans, the American Lung Association opposes House File 376. Please contact me at [Jon.Hunter@Lung.org](mailto:Jon.Hunter@Lung.org) with any questions or for more information.

Sincerely,



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