



March 3, 2026

Chair Jon Koznick, Chair Brad Tabke, and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

RE: HF 3513—Autonomous vehicles regulated

Dear Chair Koznick, Chair Tabke, and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of our 842 member cities, the League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HF 3513, a bill that would regulate autonomous vehicles.

The League supports the establishment of a regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles, including defining terms, providing authority and requirements for vehicles to operate autonomously, specification of minimum insurance coverage requirements, application of motor vehicle and traffic laws, and establishment of regulations for transportation services using autonomous vehicles.

The League objects to section 17 of the bill, which establishes state preemption of autonomous vehicle requirements, including preventing additional local requirements or restrictions and prohibiting local licensing, permits, or fees. As this new technology becomes more widely available, it is essential that local elected officials have the authority to protect the health, safety, and welfare of community members who use autonomous vehicle services. We respectfully request that this provision is removed or modified to provide local decision-making authority, and I would be happy to work with you on alternatives to the current language.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Finn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anne Finn
Intergovernmental Relations Director