April 15, 2024

Transportation Finance and Policy Committee Chair Frank Hornstein MN House of Representatives 563 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Hornstein:

I am writing in support of House File 5057 (Tabke), the bill proposing the establishment of the Lights On grant program. This program aims to provide drivers on Minnesota roads with vouchers of up to \$250 for repairing or replacing malfunctioning vehicle lights.

The Lights On grant program is a proactive approach to enhancing road safety and reducing financial burdens on low-income drivers. By offering assistance for repairing faulty lighting equipment, this initiative ensures that vehicles are properly illuminated, thereby increasing safety for all road users.

Furthermore, the program's focus on restorative solutions, rather than punitive measures, reflects a commitment to fostering positive law enforcement community relations.

We urge your support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

President Mike LeDoux Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association