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Representative Jamie Becker-Finn
559 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3207
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Becker-Finn and Senator Ingebrigtsen:

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association supports HF 336 and SF 432 which prohibits the suspension of a person's driver's license under several specific situations and requires the Department of Public Safety and court administrator to report data related to driver's license suspensions and related fines.

More than 80,000 Minnesotans currently have their driver's license suspended for unpaid traffic tickets. Suspending licenses hasn't worked as an enforcement tool. It's time we acknowledge that and stop doing it. Driver's license suspensions should be reserved for the sole purpose of ensuring safe roads, not demanding payment from people who may be struggling to meet their families' basic needs. That's why the Minnesota County Attorneys Association is advocating for the Legislature to pass your bipartisan bills to end that practice. It doesn't change driver's license suspensions for dangerous driving violations, such as DUI or reckless driving. It leaves in place the collections process for unpaid traffic tickets, so people are held accountable for the cost of their ticket. It also leaves in place the habitual violator law – if a person racks up more than three tickets in 12 months or more than four tickets in 24 months, they will receive a suspension, regardless of payment status.

Thank you for your leadership in authoring these bills.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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