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Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA), we write in support of language establishing a Traffic Safety Advisory Council.

Counties maintain over 44,000 miles of roadway in the state between the County State Aid Highway system and our local county roads. Safety on our roadways is paramount to our organizations. We support the mission, goals, and initiatives of the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) program and the establishment of the Traffic Safety Advisory Council to consult and advise the TZD program in concert with the three state agencies. We appreciate the inclusion of a representative from AMC on the advisory council.

We look forward to working together with all members of the advisory council on the development and implementation of projects and programs intended to improve traffic safety on all Minnesota road systems. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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