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RE: HF 376 (Murphy) Clean Car Rules Repealed

Chair Koznick and Members of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee:

Conservation Minnesota is a statewide environmental advocacy organization with members in all of Minnesota's 87 counties. We support smart state policies that help preserve and enhance clean air, clean water and the great outdoors for all Minnesotans.

We are surprised to see HF 376 (Murphy) up for consideration today because we thought the Clean Cars Rule was essentially in the rear-view mirror. For many years our members asked us to advocate for policies that would help reduce air pollution from the transportation sector, and the Clean Cars Rule was one of the policies that helped take steps in the right direction.

Conservation Minnesota members made at least 3,528 calls, texts or emails to their legislators and state officials letting them know they supported the Clean Cars Rule. Like most Minnesotans, our members wanted to see more options available when searching for a new vehicle. The Clean Cars Rule made sure that newer and cleaner car models were available for sale in Minnesota. This Rule empowered buyers to have more choice in the vehicle they chose to drive.

Many of the newer and cleaner cars affected by the Clean Cars Rule are also cheaper for Minnesotans to drive and maintain. Electricity is much less expensive than gasoline and electric vehicles save drivers maintenance and repair costs because they have fewer moving parts.

If this Committee is interested in working on policy in this realm, perhaps the Committee could help with the build out of electric vehicle infrastructure across the state so that all Minnesotans can benefit from the newer and cleaner car models available today.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts with you today.

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