Mike Karbo Region Director API 202-682-8304 karbom@api.org

February 26, 2025

Minnesota Legislature

Subject: HF 376 - Repealing Minnesota's Clean Car Rules

Dear Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee:

The American Petroleum Institute (API) appreciates this opportunity to share our support of HF 376, which would repeal Minnesota's clean car rules and protect consumer choice in Minnesota.

The API represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry, which supports more than ten million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. Our nearly 600 members produce, process, and distribute the majority of the nation's energy, and participate in API Energy Excellence, which is accelerating environmental and safety progress by fostering new technologies and transparent reporting. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization and currently has more than 800 active standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

API promotes free markets as the cornerstone of our industry's efforts to compete and innovate to address current and future energy needs. Under this principle, we support policies that allow the development of all energy sources on a level playing field where innovation, competitive markets and consumer choice will result in the best, most cost-effective products and services available to the consumer while also meeting policy objectives.

The free market has a proven track record of demonstrating that competition has achieved policy objectives and effectuated advanced technology at a reduced cost to the consumer. By adopting HF 376, Minnesota will be supporting policies that allow all technologies to compete in the marketplace. These types of policies can ensure that the most efficient and effective technologies are available thus promoting consumer choice and allowing the market to decide which vehicles and equipment best meet their needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support and we stand ready to work with the committee. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mike Karbo Midwest Region Director American Petroleum Institute