



WINONA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February, 24, 2025

Dear Chair Koznick and Members of the House Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HF 376 (Murphy), legislation that seeks to repeal the California Clean Cars rules in Minnesota.

As the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, I represent our business community our auto dealers, farmers, businesses with fleets, and the communities we serve. I believe that Minnesota should retain full authority over its vehicle emissions standards rather than adopting regulations designed for an entirely different state with vastly different economic, geographic, and environmental conditions.

The adoption of California's vehicle emissions standards through the Clean Cars Minnesota rule-making process has created significant concerns among businesses, consumers, and industries across the state. These regulations impose burdensome restrictions on automobile dealers, limit consumer choice, and threaten to increase costs for Minnesota families. Minnesota has a unique transportation and climate profile that should be addressed through policies tailored to our state's specific needs rather than by defaulting to rules designed for California.

Repealing these rules will restore Minnesota's ability to develop its own policies for reducing vehicle emissions without the unintended consequences of a one-size-fits-all mandate. Additionally, it will allow market forces and technological advancements to guide the transition toward cleaner transportation options without unnecessary government intervention. The Chamber believes state agencies, including the MPCA, should receive legislative direction and approval before proceeding with a proposal that subjects Minnesota to another state's regulatory requirements – especially in a case like this, which provides no opportunity to tailor the program to the unique characteristics and needs of Minnesota.

For these reasons I support HF 376 and I urge you to support HF 376 to ensure that Minnesota maintains control over its environmental and transportation policies. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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