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Regarding: HF2170 (Berg) Buy Clean Buy Fair Bill

Dear Members of the House State and Local Government Finance Committee,

The Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA) is a trade association that represents asphalt pavers and producers in the state who pave roads from driveways to interstates.

As a primary stakeholder in the discussions around Buy Clean procurement and Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) MAPA strongly urges that these efforts and related policies are based on informed decision-making and reliance on good science and engineering.

The science is not yet available on how to best achieve these goals, and many questions and need for data still remain. But the asphalt industry and MAPA appreciate the opportunities this bill provides to be a part of the discussion on how to get there.

Each of the materials mentioned have very different production and use dynamics; what may work for steel will not work for asphalt. Meaningful goals will be accomplished by giving the task force the job of determining how best to achieve carbon reduction, focusing first on encouraging the collection of environmental product declarations.

We'd like to thank the Blue Green Alliance and Rep Berg for being open to changes to allow for greater industry participation and will continue to work with them on the bill as it moves through the process.

Sincerely,

Abigail Bryduck
Executive Director