



MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL



Chapter of the National Safety Council

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Honorable Scott Dibble
Minnesota Senate
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3107
St. Paul, MN 55155

Honorable Jon Koznick
Honorable Erin Koegel
Minnesota House of Representatives
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF2082/HF2438 Transportation Policy and Finance Bill

Dear Chair Dibble, Co-Chair Koznick, Co-Chair Koegel and the members of the Transportation Policy and Finance Conference Committee,

The Minnesota Safety Council (MSC) supports the traffic safety provisions of SF2082 and HF2438. Injuries and fatalities on our roadways continue to be the highest and most preventable health risks for Minnesotans and your support of traffic safety measures directly helps reduce these risks.

MSC specifically supports the ongoing funding and statutory clarifications for the traffic safety activities and operations of the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, the Traffic Safety Data Analytics Center, and the drug evaluation and classification program as contained in the Senate language (pages R23, R48 and R52-53 of the side-by-side). All three of these programs directly support traffic safety awareness, prevention and enforcement efforts across the state. In addition, MSC supports the inclusion of work zone safety training and information for new drivers (R21).

We would also like to recognize that many of the initiatives and programs supported by SF2082/HF2438 contribute greatly to traffic safety. This includes everything from new roadway construction and pavement maintenance to efforts like Safe Routes to School and traffic calming. All of these efforts combine engineering with education backed by enforcement, and lead to safer roadways.

Thank you for your time and attention to roadway issues. The rough numbers are eye opening:

Every five days...6 Minnesotans die on the roads (4 outside the metro area) and...300 suffer injuries in...900 crashes with an estimated \$28,000,000 of economic impact. We can do better. We ask you to continue supporting traffic safety efforts.

Sincerely,

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