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March 24, 2026

Co-Chairs Koznick and Tabke and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of more than 45,000 men and women who build and maintain our state's highway, road, and bridge system, we are united in strong opposition to the elimination, reduction and delay of existing dedicated revenue streams for roads and bridges and urge you to vote No on HF 3562/SF 3669.

We believe the proposed legislation would amount to the largest cut to road and bridge funding in state history. It is our understanding HF 3562/SF 3669 would result in a cut of \$288 million in Highway User Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF) revenues and reduce local transportation aid from County State Aid Highways (CSAH) and Municipal State Aid Street (MSAS) distributions by \$110 million in FY 2027 alone - adding up to more than \$1.5 billion in cuts and reductions over the next biennium. This legislation is dangerous. It would also be costly to taxpayers because local governments rely on property taxes for the majority of funding for local transportation projects.

The comprehensive transportation funding package passed by the Legislature in 2023 was a major step towards making our members and all Minnesotans safer, creating thousands of family-supporting construction careers, and boosting our local economies. Increased dedicated revenue streams for roads and bridges, including registration fee changes, were necessary to reverse decades of declining revenue due to policymakers kicking the can down the road. Because of the 2023 transportation bill, we are finally making progress towards catching up and keeping up road and bridge funding.

However, Minnesota continues to need more funding for roads and bridges, not less. Our state and local road and bridge systems continue to face funding gaps of at least \$1 billion per year over the next 20 years. One good thing about constitutionally dedicated revenue sources such as registration fees, gas taxes, and the motor vehicle sales tax is that they are user fees and Minnesotans can count on 100 percent of the revenues to go towards transportation. In fact, registration fees are now the top funding source for our roads and bridges.

Our members are proud to build and maintain the state's highway, road, and bridge systems that allow for the efficient movement of goods, service delivery, and access to recreational opportunities. Please keep us working and vote No on HF 3562/SF 3669.

Sincerely,

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