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Honorable Jamie Becker-Finn
Chair, Judiciary Finance & Civil Law Committee
559 State Office Building
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Re: HF3134 (Moller)

Dear Chair Becker-Finn and Members of the Committee:

I write as counsel for the Minnesota Professional Towing Association (“MPTA”). The MPTA is a non-profit trade association involved in education and training to improve the skills, professionalism, and safety of the companies across Minnesota which tow, recover, and impound vehicles. The MPTA represents the interests of its members in legislation affecting the towing industry.

The MPTA engaged in lengthy negotiations with proponents of HF3134. The MPTA sought a process where an impound lot operator could correct any mistake after a short notice period before suit could be filed. The goal is to assure that individuals entitled to remove contents from an impounded vehicle without payment can do so without the delay and cost of a lawsuit. MPTA also sought greater specificity on a list that would be posted at impound lots on what identification and documentation was required to retrieve contents for the benefit of those seeking to retrieve contents and impound lot operators

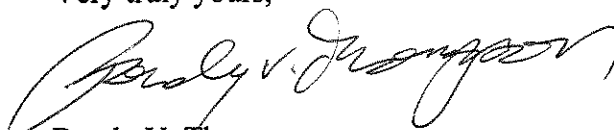
Despite significant progress in our negotiations with the bill’s proponents, the negotiations stalled over the posted list of what was required to retrieve contents.

We were surprised and disappointed when the bill’s proponents proceeded with the original bill and not the bill on which both parties had expended considerable effort before the House Transportation Committee.

We cannot support this bill because it doesn’t address a process and a specific itemization of what is required that would simplify the process of retrieval of vehicle contents for all concerned.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy V. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Randy V. Thompson

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