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Minnesota House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
Capitol 123
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: House File 376 - Preserving Minnesota's Competitive Clean Car Market

Dear Chair Koznick and committee members,

Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM) writes in opposition to House File 376, which seeks to repeal the clean car standards Minnesota successfully adopted in 2021. These standards have strengthened our economy, expanded consumer choice, and bolstered Minnesota's competitiveness in the growing electric vehicle (EV) market.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. Our business membership is comprised of over 70 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 companies committed to advancing market-driven solutions that strengthen Minnesota's clean energy economy. Clean transportation plays an increasingly vital role in this transition, bringing significant economic and workforce opportunities to our state.

Repealing the clean car standards would put Minnesota at an economic disadvantage. Today, Minnesota ranks second in the Midwest for EV sales, ahead of neighboring states like Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan. This leadership has positioned Minnesota businesses to benefit from the rapid growth of EV-related industries, including manufacturing, charging infrastructure, and grid modernization.

Maintaining Minnesota's clean car standards is also critical to ensuring that American businesses remain competitive in the global clean transportation market, particularly in the face of growing competition from China. China has aggressively invested in EV manufacturing and supply chains, positioning itself as a dominant player in the global market. By keeping these standards in place, Minnesota can continue attracting private investment, strengthening local supply chains, and supporting homegrown businesses that are building the next generation of clean transportation solutions.

If passed, HF 376 would risk constraining Minnesotans' access to the latest vehicle models, discouraging private-sector investment in clean transportation infrastructure, and ultimately slowing Minnesota's economic momentum in a fast-evolving market. Businesses, consumers, and investors alike expect clear signals that Minnesota remains committed to innovation and economic growth. For these reasons, we urge lawmakers to oppose HF 376 and uphold policies that drive investment, job creation, and Minnesota's clean energy leadership.

We thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns with HF 376 and we hope to engage with the committee on continued conversations to preserve the clean cars standard.

Sincerely,



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