



February 26, 2025

Dear Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, representing 6,300 employers and their more than 500,000 employees across the state, I am writing to share our support for HF 376 (Murphy), Clean Cars Rules Repealed.

In December of 2019, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce submitted comments to the Office of Administrative Hearings outlining our concerns with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) efforts to implement a "Clean Cars" regulatory structure through rulemaking. Chief among those concerns were that the rule and rulemaking were both unnecessary and inappropriate. We continue to believe that the rule is unnecessary, given our state's continued success in leveraging public and private efforts to stay in attainment of all requirements under the Clean Air Act. In the same way, we continue to maintain that the rule and rulemaking were inappropriate in that the rule cedes authority to another state – in this case California – to determine regulations implemented in Minnesota.

The Chamber believes state agencies, including the MPCA, should receive legislative direction and approval before proceeding with a proposal that subjects Minnesota to another state's regulatory requirements – especially in a case like this, which provides no opportunity to tailor the program to the unique characteristics and needs of Minnesota. Proposals of magnitude should move forward only with clear public support. The appropriate measure of that support is not determined through public meetings and rulemaking proceedings but by legislative review and an affirmative vote.

For these reasons, we support HF 376.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bentley Graves", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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