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Chair Jon Koznick
Transportation Finance and Policy Committee
Centennial Office Building
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Chair Koznick and Committee Members:

Associated General Contractors of Minnesota (AGC of MN) is a construction industry trade association that promotes opportunity and excellence in the building and road construction industries. One of AGC's primary goals at the legislature is to advocate for stable funding for roads, bridges, and all transportation infrastructure to address the needs across the state and keep our contractor community and their workforce strong. Our 400+ members include general contractors, specialty contractors, and affiliated businesses who work in the highway, heavy, and commercial construction markets.

AGC of MN appreciates the opportunity to engage on H.F. 5 and express our concerns with reductions in transportation funding. We must build on the transportation investments made in the last few years to build and maintain essential infrastructure. With less than one percent of general fund dollars going to transportation, revenue streams with a nexus to users are critical. Any reduction in dedicated funding means fewer opportunities for construction careers and other affected industries. For example, a reduction of \$85 million in maintenance and repairs of highways, streets, and bridges equates to the economic loss of 363 construction jobs. When Minnesota invests \$85 million in this same infrastructure during a biennium, it supports in-state spending at MN businesses of \$170 million- a two-to-one return on investment.

Our contractor members and their workforce look forward to continuing to build in our local communities across Minnesota, which requires consistent investment. We look forward to continuing these conversations with you throughout the session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Ziegler".

Laura Ziegler
Director of Highway/Heavy and Government Affairs