



May 6, 2025

Transportation Conference Committee

Senate Conferees: Sen. Scott Dibble, Sen. Ann Johnson-Stewart, Sen. John Jasinski, Sen. Jim Carlson, Sen. Doron Clark

House Conferees: Rep. Jon Koznick, Rep. Erin Koegel, Rep. Bjorn Olson, Rep. Brad Tabke

Dear Members of the Transportation Conference Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (MADA), representing Minnesota's franchised new motor vehicle dealerships, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on H.F. 2438.

Both the House and Senate bills include two provisions strongly supported by MADA, which we encourage the conference committee to adopt:

- **Extending the non-resident temporary permit from 31 to 60 days.** This will allow out-of-state customers purchasing vehicles in Minnesota additional time to get their vehicles titled and registered in their home state. This provision will also bring parity in permit length with the in-state temporary permit. (Senate Art. 3, Sect. 28/ House Art. 2, Sect. 12)
- **Allowing for the use of dealer plates on courtesy vehicles.** This will allow dealers to better serve our customers while their vehicles are in for maintenance or repair and resolve an unintended consequence of the plate removal law passed in 2024. (Senate Art. 3, Sect. 29/House Art. 2, Sect. 18)

There are also two non-controversial MADA-supported provisions contained in the House bill that we would request the conference committee adopt:

- **Allowing licensed motor vehicle dealers in contiguous states to access Minnesota's Electronic Vehicle Title Registration (EVTR) framework.** This will allow customers to pay their Minnesota title and registration fees at the time of vehicle purchase and get their license plates and tabs at the dealership. It also provides reciprocity with neighboring states. (House Art. 2, Sect. 10)
- **Meaningful dealer plate reforms, which will help prevent abuse moving forward.** By capping allocations, right-sizing fees for all dealers, and allowing dealer association

management of plate distribution, we can better ensure that the plates are used appropriately. (House Art. 2, Sect. 18-19)

We appreciate the work of both the House and Senate Transportation Committees this session and respectfully ask for the inclusion of the outlined provisions in the final bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda C. Duerr', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Duerr

Director of Government Affairs