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Chair Tabke and members of the committee:

We submit this testimony in support of the amendment adding a Minnesota Winter Sports Conservation specialty license plate to HF 3486.

The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing more than 250 local snowmobile clubs and 10,000 members. We are a volunteer organization. Our members develop and maintain over 21,000 miles of snowmobile trails across the state. Snowmobiling contributes significantly to Minnesota's outdoor recreation economy and quality of life, particularly in Greater Minnesota communities that depend on winter tourism. Simply put, Minnesota is the home of snowmobiling in the United States.

The Minnesota Winter Sports Conservation specialty is a straightforward, low-cost mechanism to generate voluntary contributions to the snowmobile trails grant-in-aid dedicated account and to the good environmental work of the Keep it Clean organization. Motorists who purchase the plate would contribute directly to the grants-in-aid program that funds trail development, maintenance, and grooming and to keeping our lakes clean.

Specialty plates are an effective tool for connecting Minnesotans to causes they care about. Snowmobilers are proud of their sport and their trails, and an overwhelming majority of our members would welcome the opportunity to display that pride on their vehicles while supporting the infrastructure that makes Minnesota a top snowmobile destination.

We respectfully ask the committee to adopt this amendment and advance HF 3486 as amended.

Thank you for your consideration.

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