



Twin Cities Minnesota Chapter

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Co-Chairs Koegel and Koznick and Transportation Finance and Policy Committee Members –

Elders Climate Action, Twin Cities Chapter is a nonpartisan group of 150 seniors who are concerned about the climate crisis and advocate for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.

Elders Climate Action, Twin Cities Chapter urges the committee to reconsider the one-year implementation delay of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Vehicle Miles Traveled Provision in Article 2, Section 7 of this bill. There are still two years until the implementation date takes effect in the original statute and we believe the climate crisis warrants keeping that date and moving as quickly as possible to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from highway traffic in Minnesota.

Transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions in our state, and we cannot afford to delay systemic changes to our emissions from highway traffic any longer. The climate crises that we all are witnessing demand that we reduce emissions as quickly as possible.

The requirement that the Minnesota Department of Transportation offset any increases in GHG emissions and Vehicle Miles Traveled for new state highway projects is modest, evidence-based, feasible, and can only help to increase transportation choices for state residents while also helping to reduce GHG emissions that endanger our quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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