



May 3, 2021

Dear Chair Hornstein, Chair Newman, and Transportation Conference Committee Members,

We are writing in support of the drivers' license suspension provision included in the House version of HF1684.

Minnesota Community Action Partnership represents the twenty-four Community Action Agencies that serve all 87 counties in Minnesota. Community Action Agencies provide holistic programs for Minnesotans with low incomes, ranging from Energy Assistance and Weatherization to Head Start to job training to Meals on Wheels and nutrition services.

Across the state, our program participants have struggled to pay their driving-related tickets and fines, resulting in drivers' license suspensions. For many of our program participants, driving is their only mode of transportation for employment, job training, or educational opportunities. The drivers' license suspension provision will help Minnesotans with low incomes maintain stable employment by ensuring they can still legally drive to work even if they have outstanding ticket fines. Employment is essential to help low-income Minnesotans move out of poverty, and this provision will ensure low-income Minnesotans can continue to work while still holding them accountable for their outstanding fines.

We urge you to include the drivers' license suspension provision in your bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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