

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 292



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Support of HF 2295 and HF 4242

Chair Frank Hornstein, Members of the House Transportation Committee

IBEW Local 292 and the Members we represent, support HF's 2295 and 4242

Thank you, Representatives Bernardy, and Long for bringing the important issue of Highway workzone Safety forward.

IBEW Local 292 Represents nearly 5000 electrical workers, some of them working alongside our State's busy streets and highways throughout Minnesota. Those Members put their lives at risk everyday when they go to work to assure Minnesotans have an efficient highway infrastructure system throughout the state.

The IBEW has supported and worked closely with legislators over the last several years to improve the safety in our workplace that our members work in. Minnesota residents drive through our workplace every day. In the past we have supported the move over Law, increase penalties for excessive speed in work zones, flagger safety, restrictions to cell phone use in workzones, "hands free" from cell phones while driving.

All of these measures are designed to keep drives and workers safe, while in our workplace. We want drivers to pay better attention! Unfortunately, many drivers are not paying enough attention to safety. Workers along our Minnesota roadways are still getting killed and injured. No family should have to go through the pain of a loss and no worker should have to sacrifice their bodies to injury or themselves, just for doing their job.

We plead with Minnesota law makers to help us keep us all safe in roadway workzones, HF 2295 and HF 4242, as amended, help to take more aggressive steps to do so. We need every tool in the toolbox to protect workers working out on streets and highways in Minnesota. Please consider supporting these two very important pieces of legislation today.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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