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To Chair Stephenson, Chair Port, and Members of the Conference Committee on H.F. 100/S.F. 73:

The Minnesota DWI Task Force's mission statement is to eliminate impaired driving and keep Minnesota's roads safe. The DWI Task Force did not take a position regarding H.F. 100 / S.F. 73 because the large scope of the bills is beyond our group's narrow purview. However, we did propose highway safety considerations for inclusion in the bills. Some of the DWI Task Force's proposals were not adopted, which we will follow up on next session. With that said, H.F. 100 contains many more of the DWI Task Force's proposals than S.F. 73. Specifically, in H.F. 100, Article 4, Sections 27 – 39 are identical or substantially similar to the DWI Task Force's proposals, with Sections 22 – 26 being necessary additions. The DWI Task Force supports these provisions and urges the Conference Committee to include them in any final bill. These proposals will help protect public safety on Minnesota's roadways and ensure that driving while impaired remains prohibited and enforceable to some extent.

The DWI Task Force also supports the oral fluid roadside testing pilot project proposal included in H.F. 100, Article 4, Section 43 and S.F. 73, Article 4, Section 23. Regardless of the language selected, the DWI Task Force encourages the length of the pilot project to be limited to one year. It will already be difficult to start a pilot project *after* legalization, and the longer it takes for the pilot project to end, the longer we will have to wait to fully authorize use of an anticipated useful tool to objectively assist law enforcement officers in their roadside investigations.

The Minnesota DWI Task Force is a volunteer, nonprofit, unfunded, unaffiliated group comprised of individuals working to promote highway safety. The DWI Task Force prides itself on its diversity of perspectives, which is comprised of professionals across the state of Minnesota. We thank you for your attention to highway safety.

Sincerely

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