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To: Chair Koznick, Chair Tabke, and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Re: Concern regarding local government pre-emption provisions of HF 3513

Date: March 3, 2026

Chair Koznick, Chair Tabke, and Members:

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) is an organization representing over 100 member cities outside of the seven-county metro area. The CGMC writes to express our opposition to the provisions of House File 3513 that would prohibit local governments from exercising their own judgment to impose local regulations or restrictions on the operation of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) in their jurisdictions.

Many are excited about the development and adoption of AV technology and the opportunities it may present for enhanced mobility, including in Greater Minnesota communities. It is appropriate for the State to consider establishing a basic regulatory framework for this technology to operate, but it is also essential that local leaders retain the authority to exercise their judgment and the option to create policies to promote safety, manage congestion, and ensure that the adoption of AV technology is responsive to their community's needs.

As introduced, Section 17 of the bill would prohibit cities and other political subdivisions from adopting any licensing, permitting, fees, or operational restrictions. The CGMC requests that this provision be removed or modified to preserve local decision-making authority.

In order to create a regulatory framework that best reflects the needs of our state, the legislature must work collaboratively with local governments. The CGMC stands ready to be a part of that conversation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities