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Representative Tom Murphy
Minnesota House of Representatives
State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Murphy,

On behalf of the Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for HF 376, your bill to repeal the Clean Car Act. As the leading advocate for businesses in our region, the Chamber represents a diverse array of industries that contribute to the economic vitality of our community. Our three auto dealers are stakeholders and long-standing business leaders in Fergus Falls.

While environmental stewardship is an important goal, the implementation of the Clean Car Act has placed significant burdens on businesses, consumers, and rural communities. The increased regulatory requirements have led to higher costs for both vehicle dealerships and consumers, limiting choices and disproportionately impacting those who rely on personal and commercial vehicles for their livelihoods. In Greater Minnesota, where distances between communities are substantial and access to charging infrastructure remains limited, the mandates associated with the Clean Car Act create logistical and financial challenges. Many of our local businesses, particularly those in transportation, agriculture, and construction, depend on a variety of vehicles that are not yet fully supported by the current electric vehicle market. The additional costs and limitations imposed by these regulations hinder growth and economic sustainability in our region.

HF 376 represents a necessary step in ensuring that Minnesota's vehicle policies are both practical and equitable. By repealing the Clean Car Act, the state can allow market-driven innovation to lead the way in advancing cleaner transportation options without placing undue hardship on businesses and consumers.

The Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce appreciates your leadership on this critical issue and urges the Minnesota Legislature to pass HF 376. We look forward to working together to support policies that foster economic growth while ensuring practical solutions for Minnesota's transportation future.

Sincerely,



Lisa Workman, IOM
President
Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce



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