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TO: House and Senate Conferees
House File 2438

FROM: Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation

RE: Support for Senate Language in Article 3, Section 41

The Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation strongly supports the language in the Senate version of HF 2438 located in Article 3, Section 41. This language would increase the fine for repeat offenders of school bus stop-arm violations.

Over the past decade, the Minnesota Legislature has a strong record of supporting efforts to bring greater attention to Minnesota's school bus stop-arm law and lessen the number of occurrences where vehicles ignore an extended school bus stop-arm when the bus is being loaded or unloaded. While these efforts have met with some success, the language in Article 3, Section 41, of the Senate version of HF 2438 is another step in the right direction for making school bus passengers safer by raising fines for repeat offenders. This should provide a greater incentive for drivers to be aware of the school bus stop-arm law and reduce instances where the law is disobeyed.

Ideally, fines collected from school bus stop-arm violations would be used for other initiatives—public service announcements, stop-arm cameras, etc.—that create greater awareness throughout the public of the importance of understanding of the law and, in the case of stop-arm cameras, making enforcement more effective.

MAPT would like to thank the conference committee for its consideration of this language. If committee members have further questions, contact our lobbyist Brad Lundell at lundelllegislative31@gmail.com or 612-220-7459