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Dear Members of the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee,

The American Petroleum Institute (API) appreciates this opportunity to share our support of HF 4175, which would repeal Minnesota's clean car rules and protect consumer choice in Minnesota.

The API represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry, which supports nearly 11 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. Our approximately 600 members produce, process, and distribute the majority of the nation's energy.

API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization and is the global leader in convening subject matter experts across segments to establish, maintain, and distribute consensus standards for the oil and gas industry. In its first 100 years, API has developed more than 800 standards to enhance operational safety, environmental protection and sustainability across the industry, especially through these standards being adopted globally.

API and its members work closely with the ASTM International (formerly the American Society of Testing Materials), commonly abbreviated as ASTM, to ensure to the public that standards are:

- Consistent, uniform and of the highest quality
- A product meets the highest levels of performance and safety
- Defines the specific manufacturing process of a material
- Determines the exact chemical composition of a material

Overall, updates to standards are typically technical in nature and go through a rigorous stakeholder process that provides for all impacted parties to participate. Many states automatically adopt the latest specification via a reference to the ASTM standard by reference to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 130, but



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Minnesota requires a legislative change each time an update is approved. Automatically adopting ASTM standards will align Minnesota with most states and help ensure the state standards are more consistent and uniform with the marketplace.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support and we stand ready to work with the committee. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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