

February 16, 2025

Chair Jon Koznick  
Transportation Finance and Policy Committee  
Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: H.F. 189 (Zelevnikar)

Chair Koznick and Committee Members:

Our group of labor and business interests represent tens of thousands of people in the Minnesota construction industry building our transportation infrastructure. One of our primary goals in the legislature is to advocate for stable funding for roads, bridges, and all transportation infrastructure to address the needs across the state and keep our contractor community and our construction workforce strong.

Collectively, we support a surcharge increase on electric vehicles (EVs) at a rate that is on par with gas-powered vehicles. We understand there can be a variety of policy approaches and responses to ensure vehicles that use transportation infrastructure are contributing to their fair share. We encourage your committee to continue to evaluate the viability of these approaches and solutions, particularly as the EV transition continues.

The workers and construction contractors we represent look forward to continuing to build in our local communities across Minnesota, which requires consistent and future-resilient investment. We look forward to continuing these funding and policy conversations with you throughout the session.

Sincerely,

Laura Ziegler, Director of Government Affairs, Associated General Contractors of MN

John Pollard, Legislative Director, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49

Barry Davies, Business Manager, Iron Workers Local 512

Joel Smith, President and Business Manager, LIUNA

Abbey Bryduck, Executive Director, Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association

Richard Kolodziejki, Government Affairs Director, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters