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Dear Conference Committee Members:

My name is Lance Klatt and I am the Executive Director of the Minnesota Professional Towing Association (MPTA). There are two provisions contained in the Senate language regarding transportation policy that we would strongly encourage you to support. We have worked with all interested parties in moving legislation forward this year that would be of benefit to the towing industry. We are not aware of any opposition to these two provisions.

The language contained on page R25 (lines 111.12-111.28) simply expands the permitted liens beyond the towing and storage to also include the costs involved with the recovery and storage of cargo and accident site clean-up when towing operators are requested by law enforcement to assist at major accident sites where cargo is involved and clean-up is necessary to protect both the public roads and the environment. We are not aware of any opposition to this provision.

Our Association has also worked closely with Representative Dave Baker and Senator John Jasinski on the Senate language contained on page R35 (lines 164.22-165.16) which would expand current seasonal load restrictions to include towing operators who are requested by federal, state or local law enforcement to perform towing operations in which the towing operators would otherwise be limited. The provision limits the towing vehicles to not exceed a weight of 20,000 lbs. per single axle and would only include towing operations in which the request was made by law enforcement to help remove inoperable vehicles from public roadways or public bodies of water. This is a common sense proposal that merits your support. We have worked with the Minnesota Association of Townships and the Association of Minnesota Counties to find language that was acceptable to them. This provision was also heard in the House Transportation Committee and was authored by Representative Dave Baker.

We appreciate all of your hard work in trying to put together a final Transportation Omnibus Bill that can be supported by both the House and the Senate. We would very much appreciate all of your support for the two provisions outlined above.

Very truly yours,

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