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Rep. Frank Hornstein, Chair  
House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Hornstein and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA), we write in support of HF4168 (Rehm), which would require the Commissioner of Transportation to adopt revisions to the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MnMUTCD) regarding the criteria for traffic and engineering studies and investigations for setting speed limits.

The safety of all roadway users is central to the mission of Minnesota's county engineers. MCEA has a long-standing platform position supporting the exclusive role of the Commissioner of Transportation in establishing speed zones on all roadways. We support the process established by Minnesota Statutes 169.14, Subd. 5 which ensures objective, uniform determination of speed limits by centralizing such authority with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation and oppose any statutory changes that result in a lack of consistency in how speed limits are determined across the State of Minnesota.

With the recent changes to the federal guidelines that pertain to traffic engineering studies and investigations for establishing or reevaluating speed limits within speed zones, MCEA supports the goals of HF4168 that would require Minnesota to adopt the new federal standards in Section 2B.21 now instead of waiting for the next full revision of the MnMUTCD, required within two years.

MCEA would like to thank Representative Rehm for authoring HF4168 and we appreciate the opportunity to share our support for the bill.

Sincerely,



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