

January 10, 2023

Rep. Kelly Moller MN House of Representatives 509 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155 Via Email: rep.kelly.moller@house.mn.gov

Dear Rep. Moller:

My name is Lance Klatt and I am Executive Director of the Minnesota Professional Towing Association (MPTA). Our organization represents dozens of locally-owned small businesses throughout the State of Minnesota. Our association provides training and education to our members so that they are the most highly trained, professional and safe towing operators in our state.

We appreciate your willingness to work with the MPTA last year on your proposed legislation regarding the retrieval of contents from towed vehicles. We worked with both you and Legal Aid over the course of several months to find compromise language that would both protect consumers and work for the towing industry. We appreciate your willingness to work with us in finding language that was workable and achieved the goals as set out by the bill's proponents.

Although it was our hope that the consumer protections contained in your bill would also be applied to public impound lots located in Minneapolis and St. Paul, we understand that you are unwilling to include the public impound lots as part of your proposal and we are willing to accept their exclusion as part of the overall agreement on your bill.

With our agreement that your current language will move forward based upon the extensive negotiations that have been conducted, I can state that on behalf of the MPTA we support your present bill with the understanding that additional substantive changes will not be made.

If I can provide any further assistance to you as you move the legislation forward, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Lance Klatt

Executive Director of MPTA

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