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Chair Julie Rosen  
Senate Finance Committee  
St. Paul, MN 55103

Chair Rosen and Committee Members,

Associated General Contractors of Minnesota (AGC of MN) is a non-profit, construction industry trade association that promotes opportunity and excellence in the building and highway construction industries through Minnesota. Our 400+ members include general contractors, specialty contractors, and affiliated businesses who work in the highway, heavy, and commercial construction markets. We are part of a coalition of business and labor advocating for SF 3081 (Newman) because our construction community works together out on the job site to deliver important community and state projects, and it's important to reflect that collaboration at the policy level to maximize investments in infrastructure that benefit all Minnesotans.

Long-term investments allow contractors to business plan for future investments and also anticipate and therefore scale workforce demand/supply needs. This ability to plan is incredibly important as road and bridge construction becomes more of a year-round proposition. Efficient and economical delivery of construction services is predicated on predictable and stable funding sources.

As we look at our state's current investment strategy for transportation, we aren't on a sustainable path. AGC of MN supports fully dedicating the auto parts sales tax as one of several long-term solutions to putting our state's road and bridge investment strategy on a better path.

The Minnesota Construction industry is well-positioned to deliver a larger capital investment program working with the country's safest and most efficient workforce as key partners to deliver excellent value for taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill and we ask for your support of SF 3081.

Sincerely,

Laura Ziegler  
Director of Highway/Heavy and Government Affairs