

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Julie A. Rosen
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
2113 Minnesota Senate Office Building
95 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Rosen,

I am writing to share the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) concerns with Senate File 3975, specifically the language pertaining to the agency's ability to regulate vehicle emissions. As you are aware, in July 2021 the MPCA adopted the Clean Cars Minnesota rule. The Clean Cars Minnesota rule was adopted in accordance with the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act and was deemed needed and reasonable by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

Senate File 3975 would repeal the Clean Cars Minnesota rule and prevent the agency from adopting vehicle emissions standards in the future. The MPCA opposes these provisions. The agency's opposition is consistent with testimony offered in committee on Senate File 3065, the Consumer Choice of Fuel Act.

The MPCA's mission is to protect and improve the environment and human health, and this mission requires the agency to take actions to ensure our air, land, and water remain clean for Minnesotans now and into the future. We do not take this mission lightly.

When the legislature created the MPCA, they granted the agency the authority to take the steps needed to keep our air clean by regulating air pollution from stationary and mobile sources. The legislature entrusted the agency to utilize its scientific expertise to determine the major sources of air pollution and to develop prudent strategies to reduce emissions from those sources.

The language in Senate File 3975 pertaining to the MPCA's ability to regulate air pollution from motor vehicles prevents the agency from accomplishing the very purpose for which it was created and hinders our ability to protect Minnesotans from harmful air pollution.

Sincerely,



Katrina Kessler
Commissioner

cc: Rachel Ganani, Policy Advisor to Governor Tim Walz; Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair, Senate State Government Committee; Senator John Marty, Ranking Minority Member, Senate Finance Committee