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## Re: Senate File 3975 (Kiffmeyer)

Dear Chair Rosen and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the largest small business organization in Minnesota, with over 10,000 members in every corner of the state. Over 75% of our members have fewer than 10 employees and our mission is to advocate for Main Street.

NFIB Minnesota appreciates and strongly supports the inclusion of the Consumer Choice of Fuel Act in Senate File 3975. In a March 2022 survey of members in our state, 98.5% support repeal of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Low Emission and Zero Emission Vehicle Standards, 99.5% of members oppose prohibitions on gas-powered small engine equipment, and 98% oppose attempts to ban gasoline-powered vehicles.

Small employers need flexibility to make the most cost-effective decisions for themselves, their customers, and their employees. The ability to access affordable, reliable consumer fuel is an important piece of that flexibility.

Finally, NFIB members believe decisions of this magnitude belong with elected officials who are responsible to voters, not with unelected bureaucrats in Minnesota or California.

Thank you for including this important provision in your omnibus.

Sincerely,

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