

SF 2753 (Support)

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Mr. Chairman Dahms, Mr. Vice Chairman Howe, and members of the committee:

My name is Allison Matthies and I'm respectfully asking you to support SF 2753. I live in Prior Lake, Minnesota with my husband and our three daughters.

We have been using peer-to-peer car-sharing for about two-and-a-half years. We enjoy sharing our 2017 Nissan Sentra with visitors to Minnesota and locals alike. We are entrepreneurs with multiple businesses, which account for our main jobs and sources of income but love getting a little extra money through sharing our car.

With three daughters, we know life will get expensive - fast. Our oldest daughter is 10 years old and is already looking forward to the freedom of having her driver's license. We bought our car with her in mind. We share our car a few days a week and use the earnings to help cover the cost of the car payments. By the time she's 16 and ready to hit the road, she'll inherit this car and be debt-free while learning about responsibility and finances, an opportunity we all hope to provide our children.

In the meantime, we use the car to help cart our kids to their many lessons, practices, and playdates. Sometimes, when life gets extra busy, we take a pause from sharing the car. The flexibility peer-to-peer car sharing provides us to generate a small amount of income when it makes sense for us has helped us change the way we think about how we can utilize our personal property to better our family's economic state and stability.

SF 2753 sets forth a framework that makes it safe for me, and all Minnesotans, to share their car to provide economic stability for their family. I'm asking the committee to support SF 2753, a bill that's good for all Minnesotans.

Respectfully,
Allison Matthies