



Chair Abeler and Members of the Committee,

On Behalf of the MN Ambulance Association and the R-80 Coalition of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers we would like to thank you for your continued support in these difficulty times of continued operational challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SF#4410 A-1 Delete Everything Amendment.

The MAA and the R-80 members across this state are very appreciative of the inclusion of two key legislative proposals to assure viability of these providers, especially the NEMT industry.

1. The fuel escalator language for both ambulance services in MN and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers.
2. The investment into NEMT rates to assure our most vulnerable patients in MN continue to receive transportation to their medical appointments.

The rapid increase of fuel above \$3.00 a gallon and the continued increases in Insurance, workforce, and vehicles have made it nearly impossible to maintain many of these operations at the level required to meet demand. This commitment from the Senate will help to assure we as providers continue to meet those needs now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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President MN Ambulance Association

Mike Pinske
President R-80 NEMT Coalition

