

March 1, 2023

Senator Klein
Chair, Commerce Committee
2105 MN Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF1868 (Rasmusson) Below Cost Sale of Gasoline Prohibition Eliminated

Dear Chair Klein and committee members,

Created in 2004, the R-80 Medical Transportation Coalition is missioned to advance professional policy, and practice around non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT). We do this by promoting excellence and quality in the NEMT industry through advocacy and strong partnerships with our peers in health care delivery.

I am writing today in support of SF1868 (Rasmusson): below cost sale of gasoline prohibition eliminated.

We appreciate the opportunity to support any efforts to reduce cost on NEMT providers in the State. Inflation has impacted our industry dramatically with the high cost of fuel and the inability to cost shift those increases to our clients who primarily are low-income Medicaid recipients.

Most of the transportation provided has thousands of dead head miles annually that NEMT providers are not paid for. Any reduction in fuel cost would assist with that impact and the continued ability to operate. Over the last few years with inflation and high fuel cost many NEMT providers have went out of business.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to share our support for SF1868 and thank Senator Klein and the Committee for hearing this bill.

Sincerely,



Mike Pinske
President of the R-80 Transportation Coalition