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Dear Chair Cwodzinski and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to support Senate File 911 (Morrison), a bill to require active transportation safety training for students in schools and to allow cities to establish speed limits near schools on routes that are designated safe routes to schools.

As Minnesota continues to make progress to address climate change, increasing the opportunity and ability for people to choose to get around in ways that don't require driving will be essential. And schools are a great place for young people to learn about active transportation – and how to stay safe while getting around. That's exactly what Senate File 911 will make happen.

In addition, we appreciate the provision that allows cities to determine speed limits on routes that are considered safe routes to school. As we move to more people getting around without a car, we need everyone to know that pedestrian and bike safety is not only the responsibility of pedestrians and bikers. It is also the responsibility of drivers. And by reducing speed limits near schools, cities can take steps to make the behavior of drivers safer for the students getting to school on foot or bike.

Please support Senate File 911.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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