



February 9, 2023

Senator Scott Dibble
3107 Senate Office Building
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Frank Hornstein
563 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Dibble/Representative Hornstein:

I am writing in support of SF1417/HF1272 which would mandate two individuals on every train or locomotive used in connection with the movement of freight in the State of Minnesota.

We believe that this legislation will enhance safety in many instances and will provide important coverage in the event of a mishap. This legislation will allow for communication and safety redundancy, operational efficiency and the immediate response for road crossing incidents and derailments with two individuals on the head end of every locomotive.

Two persons on every train is not an undue burden on commerce and this legislation is not federally preempted. Some may claim this is a collective bargaining issue. We disagree, as the public's safety is non-negotiable.

The Alliance supports this legislation and appreciates your leadership in moving this bill forward to improve safety on our transportation system.

Sincerely,

Margaret Donahoe
Executive Director

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