

April 6, 2025

State Senator Matt Klein, Chair, Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee 2105 Minnesota Senate Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Klein and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (MADA), representing Minnesota's franchised new motor vehicle dealerships, I'd like to express our appreciation for several items included in S.F. 2216.

First, thank you for including S.F. 872 (Frentz), which provides statutory clarification that auto dealers can participate in an auto show. With the auto show landscape changing from vehicle manufacturers to dealers acting as exhibitors, and the fact that our industry operates in a heavily regulated market, these provisions will help alleviate any confusion moving forward.

Second, we support the language removing keys from the list of products that cannot be sold if they contain certain percentages of lead and/or cadmium. Nearly all keys are made of brass, which offers strength and durability, but also contains trace amounts of lead. Obviously, keys and key fobs are fundamental to the operation of a motor vehicle. We appreciate your recognition that there is not a viable alternative in the manufacturing of keys by removing them from the list of covered products.

Finally, we appreciate the new language stating that the sale of products with intentionally added PFAS is not prohibited in cases where it is contained only within internal components unlikely to come in contact with a person's skin or mouth.

We appreciate the Committee's work this session and ask for your support of the outlined provisions.

Sincerely,

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