



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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The Honorable Paul Torkelson  
Chair, House Transportation Finance Committee  
381 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Torkelson:

I write in strong opposition to language in HF 2020, the Omnibus Transportation bill, in Article 4, Section 2, starting at line 38.8, that credits revenue from the motor vehicle title transfer fee (MVTTF) to the Transportation Priorities Fund instead of the Environmental Fund starting in FY2020:

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115A.908, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Deposit of revenue.** Revenue collected under this section shall be credited to the environmental transportation priorities fund. 38.10

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020, and applies for revenues collected on or after that day.

MVTTF provides a little over \$10 million per year to the Environmental Fund. Such a transfer would result in a 10% reduction in available resources from the Environmental Fund, at the same time that the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee has recommended a significant reduction to our base funding, and the Trump administration has proposed a 45% reduction in our federal grant resources from the EPA.

A 2015 legislative report showed these MVTTF funds support the work of 80 FTEs at MPCA focused on reducing not only air pollution impacts from automobiles, but also the environmental impacts from road and bridge construction and maintenance, automobile and vehicle use, and eventual vehicle disposal. That report can be found here: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/lrp-gen-2sy15.pdf>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Linc Stine".

John Linc Stine  
Commissioner

cc: Stephanie Zawistowski  
Anna Henderson