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Chair Koznick, Chair Koegel and members of the Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express public safety concerns with HF2798. In Minnesota, escort vehicles are required for some over-dimensional loads. A peace officer escort is required for those vehicles that are so large they cross over the center line and into the other lane of traffic. This licensed peace officer escort is an important traffic safety requirement and prevents fatal crashes.

The motoring public is not expecting to see large over-dimensional loads on the roadway and the licensed peace officer escort alerts drivers to the oncoming risk. In recent years, Minnesota has seen fatal crashes involving over-dimensional loads.

We are committed to continuing to work with stakeholders and MNDOT to find a solution that meets the needs of those hauling over-dimensional loads without compromising traffic safety and risking fatal crashes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CBogojevic".

Christina Bogojevic
Chief, Minnesota State Patrol