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Dear Chair Dibble and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

The Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA) is a trade association representing asphalt pavement contractors who do public and private work spanning projects from driveways to freeways, since its establishment in 1941. We are dedicated to continuously advancing the technical capabilities of our product, all the while ensuring optimal value for the tax dollars of our state and local customers.

We are in support of the clarification proposed to the truck weight exemption language in SF 4475 (Lang). Due to the interpretation of permit enforcers that the exemption was limited to construction materials from a plant to a road construction project, we believe the language needs some clarification.

We understand the original intent of this exemption was to apply to the bulk materials that go into the production of road construction materials as well as the finished product. The language in this bill is not meant to expand the definition to new categories of materials.

We are open to collaborating with the bill's author and other stakeholders to refine the language, ensuring that the bill does not inadvertently expand the truck weight exemption.

This exemption enhances our economic efficiency and aligns with impending measures to incorporate environmental considerations into state procurement processes.

Thank you for your time today and for your consideration,

Best regards,

Abigail Bryduck
Executive Director, MAPA