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House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Co-Lead
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RE: 2015 Report: The Impacts of Exempting Certain Speeding Violations from Driving Records

Dear Legislators:

We are pleased to provide the report on exempting certain speeding violations from driving records and the impacts of these exemptions on the public, as required under 2012 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 287, Article 4, Section 49.

Informed by a University of Minnesota study, which will be available in February, this report shows the impacts on public safety, frequency of speeding, crash rates, travel time efficiency and reliability, and data privacy concerns from the changes made in 2012 to Minnesota Statute, section 171.12, subdivision 6.

The changes to the statute expanded the exemption precluding the recording of speed violations onto a driver's record for those cited for speeding up to ten miles per hour over the limit on a 55 or 60 MPH roadway. The change in statute was in effect from August 1, 2012 through August 1, 2014. This time frame was then utilized as a test period and the data collected informed the report.

These analyses show that the expansion of this statute may increase the risk to public safety, and current language found in this amendment may cause Minnesota to become non-compliant with federal commercial vehicle regulations.

Please contact Charles Zelle, Commissioner of Transportation or Mona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety should you have questions or comments about this report.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Commissioner

Ramona L. Dohman
Public Safety Commissioner