



RE: Support for HF 2170 – Active Transportation Appropriation

March 26, 2019

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned organizations and the citizens we represent, support HF 2170 and ask the state to make a significant and ongoing investment in supporting active transportation options around the state.

Nearly half of all trips taken nationwide are less than 3 miles, a very bikeable and walkable distance. Providing safe biking or walking routes to destinations – schools, jobs, retail, health and economic centers – allows people the option to convert their car or bus trips into active transportation trips.

Biking and walking can improve people's health, their engagement with the outdoors and their neighbors, improves air quality and reduces the congestion of our roads. Investing in walking and biking broadens the options for people of all ages to meet their travel needs and desires independently. Active transportation options improve our individual and collective quality of life.

As our world faces the imperative of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% in the next 12 years, supporting sustainable transportation solutions must be at the forefront of our investments.

Please support HF 2170 and a strong investment in active transportation options for Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Morse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Morse
Minnesota Environmental Partnership

(including the organizations on the reverse)

Alliance for Sustainability

A.C.E.S. (Austin Coalition for Environmental Sustainability)

CURE (Clean Up Our River Environment)

Friends of the Cloquet Valley State Forest

Friends of Minnesota Scientific & Natural Areas

Friends of the Mississippi River

Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County

Izaak Walton League – Minnesota Division

Land Stewardship Project

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Minnesota Native Plant Society

Minnesota Ornithologists Union

MN350 Action

Renewing the Countryside

Save Our Sky Blue Waters

St. Croix River Association

Wilderness in the City