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Chair Moller, Chair Novotny and members of the House Public Safety Committee,

I am writing today to express support for the inclusion of two of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) agency bills in the committee's policy omnibus bill, HF1354. Thank you for including the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) proposed change to limit the amount of video data that must be posted to the website in use of force investigations and Office of Justice Program division (OJP) bill to clarify and expand victim notification requirements.

As we testified in committee, the change to limit the scope of video that must be posted to the BCA website in a use of force investigation will ensure that the public has access to the most relevant data in these cases without changing the data classification. This will enable the BCA to improve efficiencies to meet the statutory deadlines and provide the public with access to the relevant data in a timelier manner.

The OJP policy bill included in HF1354 will close the gap that currently exists with regard to notification requirements when prosecution is declined in cases of violations of Orders for Protection, Harassment Restraining Orders and Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders (DANCO). In addition, this bill will place the responsibility for distribution of victim rights and information in juvenile cases to prosecutors, who have the information and already have notification responsibilities to victims. Finally, this proposal improves victim notification by updating the notice provided to victims to reflect accurate information, use plain language, and explicitly authorize the notice to be sent electronically.

Thank you again for including these provisions in the policy omnibus bill. I appreciate the work you do to make Minnesota communities safer for all. I look forward to working with you to ensure all of DPS's policy provisions can be included in future bills.

Sincerely,

Bob Jacobson  
Commissioner