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ASSOCIATION

March 14, 2025

Rep. Kelly Moller 5th Floor Centennial Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: MCAA's Support for HF 1082

Dear Rep. Moller:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association in strong support of HF 1082 which would provide funding to the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants to organizations that received a grant from the crime victim services unit in fiscal year 2024. Victim support programs are a critical part of the public safety infrastructure, prioritizing victims/survivors' physical and emotional safety needs and providing legal support, medical care, mental health services, and addressing immediate needs such as food and shelter.

These investments also support some of the crime victims' services offices in county attorney offices throughout the State of Minnesota who utilize this grant funding. The Winona County Attorney's Crime Victims' Services Office is one of many such offices across the State who depend on this funding to serve victims of crimes that are prosecuted by the respective county attorney offices. The funding is particularly critical in Greater Minnesota where other resources to support these offices are limited.

Thank you for your leadership in authoring this bill.

Sincerely,

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