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Public Safety Co-Chair Kelly Moller and Co-Chair Paul Novotny:

Thank you for your work to advance critically needed one-time additional funding to support crime victim services, an increase in base funding, and a vision for a more sustainable approach in the years ahead.

We are aware you faced incredibly difficult decisions on budget matters this year and are navigating new territory in Co-Chair decision-making. Your leadership and commitment to come together and prioritize this approach to bring financial tools to serve survivors is a critical component to Minnesota's public safety infrastructure which contributes to the safety and security of our communities. Your agreement on this framework means a great deal to us and the people we serve, and we are incredibly grateful.

We also appreciate the dialog this session to initiate the structure of a longer-term dedicated funding solution that will make significant progress towards the restoration of economic health and emotional wellness for people and their families who have been impacted by violence and crime. We know there is more work to do to both realize the vision of adequate funding and the understanding and agreement of the best distribution for those funds. By helping crime victims establish economic security and independence, our work not only interrupts the cycle of violence, but interrupts the cycle of poverty. Your assistance today is a welcome step forward in this journey.

When individuals, families, and communities who have been harmed by crime and violence are able to overcome barriers around housing, personal finance, and safety, everyone wins.

Again, thank you for your time and commitment to this work. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the rest of session and in the years ahead.

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