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Representative Mary Franson
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Members of the Minnesota Capital Investment Committee
Minnesota State Legislature
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Franson, Chair Lee, and Members of the House Capital Investment Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Wyoming Police Department's efforts to secure funding for a new facility that will include both a soft interview room and a 24-hour safe room, which are critically needed resources for our community.

Currently, the Wyoming Police Department lacks any designated interview space. This gap greatly impacts the ability to provide a safe and supportive environment for victims of domestic assault, sexual assault, and abuse. A soft interview room, intentionally designed to be calming and non-threatening, is essential for helping victims feel physically and emotionally safe during the interview process. These rooms not only foster trust but also help reduce trauma, encouraging more open and effective communication, which is vital in such sensitive investigations.

Additionally, the proposed facility would include a secure, 24-hour safe room, offering victims an immediate and safe refuge from aggressors at any time of day or night. This resource is crucial for protecting vulnerable individuals and could play a life-saving role for those facing imminent danger.

I respectfully urge you to consider supporting this important investment in our public safety infrastructure. The addition of these spaces will greatly enhance the Wyoming Police Department's ability to respond compassionately and effectively to victims of violent crimes, reinforcing our shared commitment to the safety and well-being of all Minnesotans.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of this critical need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelsey Lakeberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Kelsey Lakeberg
Director of Finance & Administration

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