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Representative Kelly Moller
Chair, House Public Safety Committee
5th Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Paul Novotny
Chair, House Public Safety Committee
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Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), I would like to express our support for the proposed changes to the community supervision funding formula in House File 1769 to reflect the average of three years of probation surveys, rather than a single year, to better stabilize funding and better reflect supervision need.

This proposed change will provide a more accurate and sustainable approach to community supervision funding. Utilizing a three-year average ensures that funding reflects a more realistic representation of the actual probation population. The previous reliance on a one-year snapshot does not fully account for fluctuations in supervision caseloads or the broader trends over time, which can lead to funding inconsistencies and strain on resources.

The DOC agrees that this language will improve the fairness and equity of community supervision funding, ensuring a more balanced distribution of resources statewide. This, in turn, will strengthen community supervision efforts and contribute to a safer Minnesota.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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