



April 7, 2025

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

Metro Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HF 2432 (Novotny), as amended by the DE 2 Amendment.

Metro Cities' policies support ongoing state funding to local governments for public safety purposes, including training and equipment costs. As such, **Metro Cities supports several provisions** found in Article 1 of the DE Amendment including:

- \$2 million each year to implement the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program.
- Funding transferred to MnDOT for costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the statewide radio system backbone.
- \$1 million each year to the Statewide Emergency Communications Board for grants to local units of government to fund enhancements to 911 communication systems.
- \$1 million each year for statewide public safety radio communication system equipment grants for cities and other entities participating in the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system.
- \$2.9 million each year to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board for reimbursements to local governments for peace officer training costs.
- \$5.5 million each year for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund with some base funding beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Lund  
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