

HENNEPIN COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2025

Re: Support for HF 1769

Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

I am writing today in support of HF 1769, which fully funds our community supervision funding formula. The revised funding formula has led to many benefits for Hennepin County, including reduced caseloads, ability to on-board new staff to newly required minimum supervision standards, and increased innovations tied to our county's crime patterns.

Without full investment in community corrections, Hennepin County will have limited capacity to innovate and may face a reduction in tailored, community-based programming that is essential for public safety and successful reentry outcomes from our institutions. Furthermore, with the anticipated increase in community supervision caseloads following the implementation of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA), adequate investment in supervision and necessary rehabilitative programming is imperative.

We respectfully urge the legislature to ensure that the community supervision services are fully funded and that the proposed funding mechanisms are adopted. Thank you for your continued support of community supervision services and our probation officers.

Sincerely,



Irene Fernando