



MINNESOTA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

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MCPA in Opposition of HF 1509

Co-Chair Koegel, Co-Chair Koznick and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) represents over 300 Police Chiefs and over 150 command staff members from police agencies across the State of Minnesota.

The MCPA opposes House File 1509 (Jones). Traffic safety, which includes pedestrian safety, is a high priority for the MCPA. Over the past few years, we have seen a significant increase in traffic fatalities on our roadways throughout the state. This is not the time to curtail law enforcement's ability to enforce pedestrian safety laws. We strongly oppose keeping traffic laws on the books that do not include enforcement and penalty clause provisions. Prohibiting law enforcement from enforcing crosswalk laws subjects motorists and other pedestrians to greater risk. Co-mingling vehicle traffic and pedestrians on a roadway is extremely dangerous and although not all pedestrian's cross roadways at the designated pedestrian crossings, most do. If this bill were to pass, we can only expect there would be an increase in pedestrian crossings at uncontrolled locations. This would increase the risk and potential for pedestrians to be struck by motoring vehicles.

We urge your opposition to this bill.

Respectfully,

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