



## MINNESOTA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

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### **Re: MCPA Letter of Support for HF 2432 – House Public Safety Finance bill**

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

On behalf of more than 300 police chiefs in our state, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) supports House File 2432 as amended by the DE-2 amendment – the House Public Safety Finance bill.

First, MCPA supports the inclusion of the \$11 million for the biennium dedicated to the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund. This appropriation is vitally important for an agency's ability to reimburse costs related to law enforcement training courses required under Minn. Stats. §§ 626.8452 (use of force), 626.8469 (training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity) and 626.8474 (autism training). The continuation of the training funds is our Association's number one priority. This appropriation shows the state's dedication to bringing the highest quality police services and leadership to the people of Minnesota.

We further support the inclusion of \$2 million to implement Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program. Agencies across our state are having extreme difficulty recruiting and retaining officers for a variety of reasons. The MCPA supports a multi-faceted approach to helping agencies of all sizes recruit and retain officers.

MCPA appreciates the Committee's establishment of the Brady-Giglio advisory panel that demonstrates their commitment to develop statewide standard for the disclosure of Brady-Giglio information. We believe it is critical for there to be due process for an officer or police agency to contest a designation of Brady material, requirement to maintain any kind of Brady data on officers and who can access the data, CJIS security compliance of data, and uniformity of protective court orders involving Brady material.

We thank both chairs for the collaboration that went into this bill and always appreciate the Committee's engagement with MCPA. We look forward to working with the authors as the bill progresses and beyond.

Respectfully,

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Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association