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Members of the Minnesota Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill HF 2532, which proposes the elimination of \$42,000,000 in funding that was designated for public safety initiatives in Minnesota over the next three years. My organization has a lengthy history of engaging in innovative responses to meet the needs of individuals served by our agency and use grant opportunities to initiate and expand services that would otherwise be unavailable.

Tri-County Community Corrections currently uses funding through Community Crime and Violence Prevention Grant to support a pre-trial supervision program. This program has had a positive impact on jail operations by reducing our local jail population while allowing those charged, but not convicted, to return to their community and receive supervision and support from our pre-trial supervision agents.

This funding is not just a budgetary line item—it is a lifeline for public safety programs and justice system partners that work tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of Minnesotans. By eliminating these resources, we risk compromising the effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies, emergency services, and community-based programs, which are essential for maintaining public safety and addressing the root causes of crime.

Public safety is not just about policing—it's about providing resources that help prevent crime, support victims, and address systemic issues. I implore you to reconsider the potential negative consequences of eliminating this funding. Rather than cutting these vital resources, I encourage you to explore alternatives that preserve funding for public safety and support initiatives aimed at building stronger, safer communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns. I hope that you will stand in support of Minnesota's public safety and reject HF 2532.

Sincerely,

Andrew Larson
Executive Director