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March 14th, 2025

Representative Kelly Moller  
Chair, House Public Safety Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Moller and committee members,

Subject: Statement in support of HF 1775

I am David Zimmer, Public Safety Policy Fellow with Center of the American Experiment, a position I have held for the past 3 years following a 33-year career as a peace officer with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

I write in support of HF 1775 which would mandate the collecting, analyzing, and reporting of pre-trial release data on an annual basis.

As a conservative who values a consequential criminal justice system, I also recognize that there is room for improvement regarding Minnesota's constitutionally mandated "cash only" bail option.

I'm in favor of ensuring a standardized public safety threat evaluation tool is used for pre-trial release decisions.

The data collected, analyzed and reported on in response to HF 1775 would inform policy makers of pre-trial release outcomes, and ultimately help determine if any changes to Minnesota's pre-trial release process are warranted.

Sincerely

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