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Representative John Huot
583 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep. Huot,

The Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) supports passage of [HF1685](#) (Huot) which allows counties to choose to wave the in-person appearance requirement for a marriage license application.

MACO is confident that counties can provide marriage license application services without an in-person appearance while continuing to protect the integrity of the marriage license process.

Counties that have waived the in-person appearance requirement have found that delivering this service in this way has been immensely popular with their residents. This process has also proven to be efficient, safe, and secure.

During these challenging times, counties have adjusted to continue to provide quality services in innovative ways. Utilizing efficiencies such as waiving the in-person appearance requirement enables counties to continue to deliver outstanding services in efficient yet secure ways.

Sincerely yours,

Betti Kamolz

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