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TO: House Transportation and Policy Committee Co-Chairs Erin Koegel and Jon Koznick

RE: Opposition of House File 1509 (Jones): Authority to issue certain citations to pedestrians limited.

Dear Representatives:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

MPPOA opposes House File 1509 (Jones): Authority to issue certain citations to pedestrians limited.

Prohibiting enforcement or even contact of an individual or individuals for violating traffic law is a safety issue and places the public – both motorists and pedestrians - at greater risk. For example, if you have 1 or 50 pedestrians in traffic lanes, under this bill law enforcement would not be able to address safety issues until a hazard exists. This inability to enforce existing law is clearly unsafe for pedestrians and officers.

An officers inability to address perceived dangers – is highly problematic and will make communities less safe. We shouldn't wait for "...a vehicle approaching in a manner that constitutes a hazard" before taking corrective action for the benefit of the pedestrian, motorist and officer.

We urge your opposition of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
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