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Members of the State Government Finance and Elections Committee,

My name is Linda Vukson and I live in Duluth. I have had the privilege of serving as a head election judge for about 5 years and plan on continuing this position for years to come. I ask for your support of HF 3666.

Although election judges in my precinct have not endured harassment nor threats from the voting public, we have heard of instances that others have. Secretary of State Steve Simon has indicated reports of threatening behavior around our state due to anger over the 2020 Presidential election.

Duluth election judges are proud to serve our community in this essential service. I am worried that some will resign rather than face the threat of disgruntled voters. Losing veteran judges because they feel unsafe in dealing with the public would severely jeopardize the efficient, accurate and essential running of our elections.

To help alleviate the possibility of threatening community members, HF3666 provides that the county attorney will prosecute anyone who threatens or intimidates an election judge. Our workers will feel safer as we provide the free, fair and accurate voting opportunity that our citizens deserve.

I urge you to vote YES for HF3666.

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