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RE: Community reentry/Driving privileges

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I am writing to express my company's support for the reintegration driver's license legislation House file 4571.

Our organization currently supports over 250 clients in the State of Minnesota that are in the process of recovery from substance use disorder, many of which are in some way justice involved.

I believe that having accessibility to transportation, specifically driving privileges to give re-entry participants the ability to live up to the expectation of rehabilitation is vital in setting this population up for success.

We find that many of these people leave these institutions with stigma, shame, and unnecessary obstacles to live a law abiding and productive life. If it is important for us as a community to have expectations of them meeting the obligations of re-entry – then we also should have an equal responsibility to set them up for success with access to transport themselves to the numerous requirements of those being released in these situations.

For the recovery community that we support, driving after revocation charges from simple reinstatement issues is by far the most common charge that we see, and this can lead to people feel that they are in a situation where the deck is stacked against them, and choose to be the type of person we treat them as, not the type of person we all hope they will be.

I believe that as a community we need to give these individuals the tools to integrate back into the community successfully without unnecessary risk of recidivism, therefore I am in strong support of Legislation House file 4571.

Sincerely,

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