



## MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Representative Kaohly Vang Her

RE: Support for HF601 (Her) Lost and Stolen Firearms Required to be Reported Promptly to Law Enforcement

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing police and peace officers in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

**MPPOA supports HF601, legislation that establishes a duty to report a lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement within 48 hours of learning the firearm is lost or stolen.**

The MPPOA supports HF601 as an important public safety measure. With gun thefts on the rise, laws requiring gun owners and dealers to report lost or stolen guns can significantly help prevent gun trafficking. Stolen guns can be diverted to the illegal gun market, where they are used to fuel crime. Lost and stolen reporting laws help reduce gun trafficking by requiring individuals to report loss or theft to law enforcement shortly after discovering it.

For the reasons above, MPPOA supports HF601.

Sincerely,

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