



MINNESOTA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

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Re: MCPA Support for House File 4597 and House File 4810

Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Members of the Public Safety Committee:

On behalf of more than 300 police chiefs across Minnesota, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) writes in support of House File 4597 and House File 4810. Together, these bills represent important investments in public safety infrastructure, coordination, and the tools necessary to effectively serve our communities.

House File 4597 proposes funding for the development and implementation of a unified 911 center awareness platform. This initiative is critically important to modernizing emergency communications across Minnesota. Real-time information sharing between dispatch centers and across jurisdictions will significantly improve situational awareness, reduce response times, and enhance coordination during complex evolving incidents. Emergencies do not adhere to jurisdictional boundaries, and this system will help ensure that our response does not either.

In addition, House File 4810 advances complementary public safety priorities by strengthening the systems, resources, and coordination capabilities that law enforcement and emergency response agencies rely on every day. Investments such as these are essential to ensuring agencies have the tools, technology, and operational support necessary to respond effectively to emerging threats and community needs. Strengthening these foundational elements improves both officer safety and public safety outcomes.

From a law enforcement perspective, these two proposals work in tandem. A unified communications platform, combined with broader investments in public safety capacity and coordination, will allow agencies to share critical information more effectively, deploy resources more efficiently, and respond cohesively during multi-agency incidents, natural disasters, and large-scale public safety events. Equally important, these bills reflect a commitment to proactive, rather than reactive, public safety policy. Minnesota is better positioned to meet the challenges of tomorrow by investing in systems that enhance interoperability and coordination today.

MCPA strongly supports House File 4597 and House File 4810, we respectfully urge the committee to advance both bills. These measures will improve operational effectiveness, strengthen interagency collaboration, and make Minnesota communities safer.

Respectfully,

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