

# SUPPORT THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDIES ACT

## TO PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

### WHAT IS THIS LEGISLATION?

HF3414 (Long) / SF3629 (Fateh)

HF3477 (Long) / SF3628 (Champion)

The legislation creates a cause of action for violations of civil rights by state or federal government actors. It would allow for any individual to seek damages in state court for the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the U.S. or Minnesota Constitution.

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

When any government official violates someone's constitutional rights in Minnesota, they deserve a real path to seek justice. Currently, when federal authorities violate Minnesotans' civil rights, victims have narrow and limited options in federal court.

It is a fundamental principle of our democracy that no one—regardless of the position they hold or the uniform they wear—is above the law. Accountability is essential to build public trust, ensure constitutional policing, and prevent abuses of power such as violations of constitutional rights, misconduct or excessive force.

This bill is a necessary tool to hold our state and federal government accountable to our Constitution and foster a culture of integrity and trust within our institutions. When an individual's rights are violated by those entrusted with public power, they deserve a meaningful path to seek justice and repair, and most Americans and Minnesotans agree the law should provide it. Our constitutional rights are rendered meaningless without a practical mechanism for recourse.

## SUPPORTERS

