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Chair Mariani and Members of the House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota DWI Task Force supports H.F. 1199, which requires repeat offenders to enroll in ignition interlock as a condition of obtaining a valid driver's license.

The DWI Task Force strongly supports the use of ignition interlock as a proven method to keep our roads safe. Unfortunately, 40% of first-time DWI offenders in the state of Minnesota become repeat offenders. This bill expands the use of ignition interlock for these repeat offenders, who pose the greatest risk to public safety. Ignition interlock does not stop someone from becoming impaired, but it does stop someone from *driving* impaired and endangering others. Furthermore, graduates are 39% less likely to reoffend. Expanded use of ignition interlock improves the safety of all Minnesotans traveling on our roads.

The Minnesota DWI Task Force continues to propose and support legislation that increases the use of ignition interlock and enhances public safety. For these reasons, the DWI Task Force respectfully encourages you to support H.F. 1199 as a bill that achieves those goals.

Sincerely,

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