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The Honorable Kelly Moller, Co-Chair
The Honorable Paul Novotny, Co-Chair
Minnesota House Public Safety and Finance Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Re: Support for HF 4282 (Jail Medications) Amendment

Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA), which represents all 87 elected sheriffs of this state, I write to express our support for the amendment offered to HF 4282. The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association recognizes the importance of the issue before the committee and the need to find a solution that works for all stakeholders. Most importantly, we want to ensure that the law affecting medications prescribed within the jail environments safeguards lives and well-being as it was originally intended to do.

The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association has been collaborating with community stakeholders, our county partners and the Department of Corrections to refine and strengthen this amendment. Our collective goal remained consistent, to ensure the safety of those who are incarcerated and to prevent any other families from enduring the pain of a preventable loss. The numerous stakeholders have worked tirelessly to negotiate language and pursue the best possible outcome. The MSA believes the proposed amendment reflects our broad alignment and addresses all previously raised concerns. You will find that the amendment not only meets the operational realities of our facilities but also ensures consistency, accountability and essential medical safeguards for those in our custody.

For these reasons, the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Department of Corrections and our community stakeholders, support this amendment and respectfully urge the committee to advance the HF 4282 amendment.

Respectfully,

James Stuart
Executive Director / CEO
Minnesota Sheriffs' Association