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Representative Mary Franson
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Members of the Minnesota Capital Investment Committee
Minnesota State Legislature
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Dear Chair Franson, Chair Lee, and Members of the House Capital Investment Committee,

As the Chisago County Attorney, I am writing to express my strong support for the Wyoming Police Department's request for funding to support the construction of a new public safety facility. There are many aspects of the current facility that require updates and increased efficiencies. However, areas that of particular concern to my Office as the prosecuting authority for Wyoming are the accommodations for crime victims, including the proposed soft interview room and a 24-hour safe room. These spaces are critical for the safety of victims and the successful prosecution of domestic assault, sexual assault, and abuse cases.

Currently, the Wyoming Police Department lacks an appropriate interview space. Victims of trauma need an environment that feels secure and supportive to share their experiences fully. Soft interview rooms are designed to reduce trauma and create a setting where victims can speak openly, which in turn strengthens the quality of the evidence collected. This is essential for holding offenders accountable and achieving just outcomes.

The inclusion of a 24-hour safe room in the new facility is equally vital. It would provide immediate refuge for victims fleeing dangerous situations, increasing their safety and giving law enforcement critical time to intervene.

Your support of this project will directly impact our ability to protect victims and successfully prosecute violent crimes. I urge you to prioritize this investment in our community's safety and justice system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Reiter
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