



Via E-Mail Delivery

March 3, 2023

Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair
Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee
559 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Peggy Scott, Lead
Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee
335 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF226/SF586, Prosecutor Initiated Resentencing

Dear Chair Becker-Finn and Lead Scott:

On behalf of the Justice Action Network, the largest bipartisan criminal justice organization in the nation, I am writing to extend support for legislation introduced in the House and Senate by Rep. Kelly Moller and Sen. Ron Latz, House File 226/Senate File 586. The bill, referred to as Prosecutor Initiated Resentencing (PIR), establishes a formal mechanism for prosecutors to review past lengthy sentences.

The Justice Action Network supports PIR as an important and wholly discretionary tool – one that empowers prosecutors to determine and establish uniformity as it relates to sentencing. Core to this legislation are the important protections for victims, and the requirement for judicial review.

PIR laws have passed in a number of states over the past three years, including Illinois, Louisiana, California, Oregon, and Washington state. Minnesota now joins a number of states in which PIR bills have been introduced, including Texas, Maryland, Georgia, New York, Massachusetts and Florida.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact our organization's government relations representations, Chas Anderson at chas@parkstreetpublic.com or Angela Garin at angela@parkstreetpublic.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Krisai", written in a cursive style.

Lauren Krisai
Deputy Director, the Justice Action Network

C: House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee Members