

# HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF

February 2, 2021

To:

Chair Carlos Mariani

Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy and Finance Division

**(SENT VIA EMAIL)**

Dear Chair Mariani and members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy and Finance Division:

I write to you in full support of HF 445 (Mariani) SAFE Account Created. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Hennepin County, it is my duty to aid and assist all law enforcement agencies when required. Hennepin County has a long history of effective and positive collaboration with all the cities we serve, and we will continue to operate that way.

As elected leaders, it is important that we support legislation that adds value to the communities we represent. I have seen firsthand the unpredictable nature of public safety emergencies and the absolute need for additional resources when our own local resources have been exhausted.

When a public safety agency is responsible for a public safety emergency, it is in the best interest for the State of Minnesota to ensure that there are resources available to effectively manage that emergency. I believe that HF445 SAFE Account Created addresses that need.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to continued efforts of improving public safety.

Sincerely,



Sheriff David P. Hutchinson

