



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Rep. Bidal Duran

RE: Support of House File 1567 (Duran): Personal information protections provided to public safety officers

Dear Rep. Duran:

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), MN State Patrol Troopers Association (MSPTA), MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents Association (BCAAA), and MN Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Agents Association (FAAA) represent more than 8,800 law enforcement officers and public safety professionals statewide.

We write in strong support of House File 1567 (Duran): Personal information protections currently available for judicial officials extended to peace officers.

This straightforward proposal would extend to peace officers the same personal information disclosure protections currently provided to judicial officials. Those who serve in public safety roles face unique risks, and ensuring parity in these protections helps safeguard their privacy, security, and well-being. The safety of our members is a top priority and a shared responsibility of government and employers alike. Public release or misuse of sensitive personal information can result in serious consequences, including loss of privacy, damage to reputation, harassment, and potential physical danger through retaliation.

The information covered by these protections includes residential addresses, personal phone numbers, email addresses, and identifying information related to officers' children, including schools or childcare providers, along with other data already classified as private.

Minnesota would not be acting alone. Many states—including Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Texas, and Utah—have enacted similar protections for law enforcement officers, judges, and other high-risk public officials by limiting public disclosure or prohibiting the online publication of personal identifying information.

LELS, MSPTA, BCAA, and FAAA respectfully urge support and consideration of this important public safety measure. Protecting the personal information of those who protect our communities is both reasonable and necessary.

Sincerely,

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