



To: Minnesota House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee Chair Kelly Moller and members
From: Minnesota Law Enforcement Coalition
Date: March 13, 2023

Re: Opposition to House File 2290: Time and Manner of Service: No Knock Warrants.

Dear Chair Moller and Committee Members:

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA), and the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) represent more than 300 police chiefs, 87 county sheriffs, and approximately 10,400 rank-and-file officers, respectively.

On behalf of Minnesota's three largest statewide law enforcement associations, we are writing to respectively convey our opposition to House File 2290.

Minn. Stat. 626.14 sets forth the parameters and requirements for Time and Manner of Service: "No Knock Search Warrants." The present statutory language provides law enforcement clear and balanced direction on how to apply for and execute a "No Knock Search Warrant." As identified in the law, the intent of the present statutory language is to prevent the loss, destruction, or removal of the objects of the search or to protect the searchers or the public.

The proposed amendments to the statute will significantly limit law enforcement's ability to avail themselves in regards to the intent of the statute. The proposed language will limit the ability to protect those executing the lawful search warrant or the public while jeopardizing the preservation of potentially relevant investigative evidence. Any search warrant drafted in the State of Minnesota still must be reviewed by a judge in the judicial district where the warrant is being sought. This review and increased scrutiny by the courts will assuage any concerns and ensure that a "No Knock Search Warrant" will only be utilized in those situations outlined above.

Our Minnesota Law Enforcement Coalition strongly supports any continuing effort to protect citizens and support law enforcement. Based on the current statutory framework and guidance and the review by the district court judge issuing the warrant, we cannot support House File 2290.

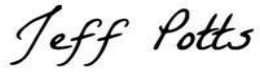
Sincerely,

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Brian Peters
Executive Director, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association

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Jeff Potts
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