

**House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee
March 3, 2022**

**Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI)
Written testimony in support of HF 3556 and HF 3041
Submitted by Matt Ehling, MNCOGI board member**

Dear Chair Becker-Finn, Representative Robbins, and members of the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI) writes in support of House Files 3556 and 3041. MNCOGI believes that these bills - by reducing or eliminating fees for the copying or downloading of certain court records - will aide the public in its use of such records, and will enhance engagement between Minnesota citizens and Minnesota's judicial system.

MNCOGI appreciates the strong bi-partisan support that these bills have received - both in the House, and in the Senate. We believe this speaks to our state's historical commitment to open and accessible government - a tradition that benefits each and every citizen of the state.

Sincerely,

Matt Ehling
MNCOGI board member