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Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Novotny and other members of the committee,

My name is Darcey McCampbell. I live in Minneapolis, and I work as a nurse in the Twin Cities.

I am here in opposition to HF16.

The testimony I'm giving is my own and does not represent my employers.

As a nurse I have the privilege of serving as both a community health nurse, focused on creating healthier and more equitable communities; and a forensic nurse navigating the intersections between healthcare and the criminal legal system in order to interrupt cycles of violence and injustice.

In my community health role I work across the state to bridge gaps in access to healthcare for Minnesota's diverse communities.

As a forensic nurse, I work in the emergency department to provide acute care to individuals who have experienced sexual violence and intimate partner violence. Trust is fundamental to providing the essential trauma informed care following an assault. Exams move at the speed of trust in order to understand what each unique individual needs for healing, hope, and safety. For some individuals, that process includes reporting to local law enforcement.

In all of my work, I often serve individuals who are undocumented, new arrivals, refugees, and other non-citizens.

Without the trust that information will not be shared with immigration authorities, non-citizens regardless of their legal status, who have experienced violence within our state will be less willing to seek out the care they need and deserve. This bill erodes that trust in law enforcement and risks harm to community health.

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