

January 19, 2023

Chair Moller
Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Moller and Members of the Committee,

The City of Minneapolis would like to express support for HF 25 and thank Rep. Frazier for authoring it. We welcome the opportunity to work with our State partners to address the community safety challenges that face our State.

While we are supportive of the entire bill, Minneapolis is particularly interested in the opportunities that the Community Crime and Violence Prevention Grants present. The work of the City's Department of Neighborhood Safety (which includes the work previously housed in the Office of Violence Prevention) would be aided by any additional funding that could be provided by the State.

The City of Minneapolis is also supportive of the Crisis Response and Criminal Investigation Grants. The Crisis Response Grants would allow Minneapolis to further the work of our Behavior Crisis Response Teams.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this legislation and we look forward to working with the committee to improve community safety in our State this session.

Thank you,

Steven Huser