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Members of the Public Safety Policy and Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for HF 1234, which modifies peace officer and firefighter duty disability provisions. In order to best support those who put their lives at risk to maintain public safety across Minnesota, it is imperative that we prioritize holistic wellness support and constantly reevaluate how we provide that support to our first-responders.

This legislation is a good step toward improving how the state works with local governments to support our first-responders. By providing additional mental wellness opportunities and state reimbursement funding, cities will be better positioned to provide proper support to our police, firefighters and other first responders.

The City is grateful for the work of the League of Minnesota Cities on this legislation and we will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure that the State and the City of Minneapolis provide the support our police officers and firefighters deserve.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey,
City of Minneapolis