

Written Testimony in Support of HF1103

This spring, we are witnessing the vital important that body worn cameras play in creating an environment for equal justice. For generations, the sworn testimony of Black and Brown Minnesotans has been dismissed, but only when we have video footage have we even begun to respond to the horrors that our brothers and sisters have witnessed first hand every day.

As a Christian, I am reminded of Jesus' words in John 3:11-12:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen,
but you people do not accept our testimony.

"If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe,
how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

Before we can have true reconciliation in which Minnesotans can be in conversation with one another about our hopes and dreams (heavenly things), we must be able to accept the testimony of objective truths.

Maintaining the integrity of body-worn cameras is a necessary step in this process toward healing.

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