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Chair Mariani and Members of the Public Safety Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for several provisions contained in HF 4608. Like so many cities across the country, the City of Minneapolis has experienced an increase in violent crime. We welcome the opportunity to work with our State partners to address the public safety challenges that face both Minneapolis and the entire State of Minnesota.

I appreciate the holistic approach that this committee is taking with HF 4608. Specifically, I would like to express my support for the Local Community Innovation Grants, Community Based Public Safety Grants, Local Co-Responder Grants, and Direct Assistance to Crime Victim Survivors and the Emergency Community Safety Grants programs. These programs will allow local governments, law enforcement, and community to work together to provide innovative solutions to public safety. It is vital that these funding streams and efforts are coordinated through local governments to ensure that there is shared awareness and synchronization of this crucial work.

I would also like to express my support for the Local Community Policing Grants, Local Investigation Grants programs, and mutual aid response training and grants. These funds will provide crucial and much needed funding to support the work of law enforcement in our communities. I also support the inclusion of the Minnesota Heals funding, as it is a tangible way that we can show our support for first responders. Finding solutions to the problem of recruiting a new generation of peace officers from diverse backgrounds is critical to our communities, so I support the Task Force on Alternative Courses to Peace Officer Licensure.

Additionally, I enthusiastically support the inclusion of the Youth Intervention Program, Juvenile Intervention Services, Youth Development Grants, Cross-over Dual Status Youth Model Grants, and Alternatives to Juvenile Detention Youth Conflict Resolution Centers Grant. Too often the individuals committing crimes are youth. I applaud this committee for including funding that supports our youth and helps guide them towards a better future. By focusing our attention on youth in need now, we can help both our communities and those specific individuals.

The provision in this bill allowing the POST Board to adopt misconduct rules and investigate that misconduct is a necessary layer of accountability for law enforcement officers who do not meet a basic standard of conduct should they leave one agency and join another. The City also appreciates the provisions in this bill that further clarify when body camera footage of use of deadly force should be released to the families and to the public.

Lastly, I want to thank the committee for including funding for Local Emergency Management grants. The last few years have shown how crucial the work of emergency management professionals is to ensure that our communities are resilient during times of crisis.

Thank you again for this opportunity to express my support for this legislation.

Yours truly,

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Mayor Jacob Frey  
City of Minneapolis