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February 24, 2026

Chair Rep. Paul Novotny  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee  
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Municipal Legislative Commission Letter of Support for HF 3404 (Klevorn)

Dear Chair Novotny and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC), representing 19 cities and nearly one million residents across the seven-county metropolitan region, I write to express our strong support for HF 3404, authored by Representative Klevorn, which strengthens criminal penalties and establishes new safeguards related to impersonating a peace officer.

Impersonation of law enforcement poses a serious threat to public safety and undermines the trust that is essential between communities and the officers who serve them. When individuals falsely present themselves as peace officers, they not only create confusion and fear, but also increase the risk of harm to residents and legitimate law enforcement personnel.

HF 3404 appropriately modernizes Minnesota law to reflect the seriousness of these offenses. The bill establishes felony-level penalties for impersonation, particularly in cases involving firearms, prior violations, or conduct intended to gain access to restricted areas or exercise authority over others. These provisions recognize the heightened danger associated with deliberate impersonation and provide meaningful deterrence. The bill also clarifies identification requirements and enhances penalties when additional crimes are committed while impersonating a peace officer, ensuring accountability for conduct that exploits public trust.

Cities and their police departments rely on clear legal standards to protect residents and maintain the integrity of law enforcement. HF 3404 strengthens these protections, promotes public safety, and reinforces confidence in legitimate law enforcement officers.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. The Municipal Legislative Commission respectfully urges your support for HF 3404.

Sincerely,



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Chair, MLC  
Mayor, City of Edina