



Dear House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee Members,

On behalf of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to strengthening our state's public safety systems. Counties are grateful for your inclusion of the implementation of three-year averaging of probation data and the two-year delay in the sunset of supervision fees. These thoughtful policy decisions provide meaningful short-term relief for counties and signal the Legislature's recognition of the challenges we face.

We respectfully urge the committee's future prioritization to fully fund the community supervision formula in light of anticipated changes in our criminal justice system including the statewide implementation of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA). As counties adapt and prepare to ensure the successful implementation of MRRA and the anticipated increase in caseloads, full funding is critical to ensure equitable service delivery and to uphold public safety across all regions of the state.

AMC also appreciates the committee's attention to the ongoing strain placed on local governments in maintaining the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system. Sustaining this foundational infrastructure is vital to the safety of Minnesotans, and counties stand ready to partner with the Legislature to ensure its long-term viability. We look forward to collaborating with the Legislature to identify and support a long-term solution for these systems.

Lastly, we ask the committee to consider supporting funding and resources for local emergency management personnel and responsibilities. These essential and mandated functions require consistent and reliable investment to ensure our state can effectively respond to increasingly complex emergency events.

Thank you again for your partnership and for your ongoing support of Minnesota counties and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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