

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

To: Ellen McDaniel
Committee Administrator
Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Rm. 200 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: MACDL Support of HF 2890

Dear Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) writes in support of inclusion of the bills listed below and to make one request for an amendment to one bill. The amendment request pertains to the establishment of the Office of Restorative Practices beginning at line 63.1. The bill lists members of the proposed office. MACDL respectfully requests that it be one of the enumerated members of the office. We recognize that the Board of Public Defense is listed. However, the private defense bar often has different insights into court practices that would be valuable to the Office and would therefore be a valuable member. We support the following bills:

- Prosecutor Initiated Resentencing
- Office of Juvenile Restorative Justice and related grants
- Clemency reform and the Clemency Review Commission
- Redefining Gross Misdemeanors as 364 day sentences
- Felony Murder Reform
- Clean Slate Act and Expungement Reform

My email is ryan@brockhunterlaw.com and my cell is 612-232-8767. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely,

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