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The Honorable Senator Ron Latz & MN State Senators  
3105 Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Latz and Senators:

As the Board President of Minnesota Second Chance Coalition, I am writing to urge you to support Felony Murder Law Reform (SF1478), which would limit the charge of murder to those who commit a killing, directly aid and abet the murderer, or act with reckless disregard for human life.

Minnesota Second Chance Coalition believes that people should not be punished for the actions of another. However, because of Minnesota's aiding and abetting felony murder doctrine, people can be punished for murder even when they didn't kill anyone, or even intend for another person to die. A recent study shows that this doctrine is used to over-punish Black people and young people at disproportionate rates, and that most people charged under this doctrine have little to no prior criminal history. We stand with Felony Murder Law Reform in calling for changes so that Minnesotans are only held accountable for the mistakes that they make, and not punished for the homicidal acts of another.

We know that we all want the best for our state and its communities, and we appreciate your work as MN State Senators. We urge you to support SF1478 and limit punishments that are disproportionate to the crime. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trace Ludewig".

Trace Ludewig  
President of the Board of Directors  
Minnesota Second Chance Coalition