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Dear Chair Moller and Members of the Committee,

The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor violations that are committed by adults (18 or older) and occur within the City of Minneapolis. Our office respectfully asks that you support House File 43, a bill modifying the maximum punishment for gross misdemeanors from one year to 364 days. We are in full support of the proposed amendments as written.

By modifying the maximum sentence for gross misdemeanor offenses by only one day, we could decrease unintended deportation consequences for our immigrant neighbors. Deportation is a consequence that is both unnecessary and vastly disproportionate in relation to a gross misdemeanor offense. House File 43 is a necessary change to state law to avoid unfairness for our immigrant communities.

It is our opinion that the one-day reduction in sentence will not negatively affect prosecutors' ability to address criminal behavior. We believe this bill provides a reasonable compromise between public safety and compassion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristyn Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristyn Anderson
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