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Representative Wayne Johnson
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Rep. Johnson:

On behalf of the 10,000 rank-and-file public safety members of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA), I write in support of HF2259, which increases funding for the Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET) grant program by \$3.5 million for FY2026.

Our MPPOA members operate as rank-and-file task force members on many of the 21 funded VCET's that operate across the state, and they work every day to investigate narcotics, gangs, and violent crime. Getting access to this additional funding for the 120 county and municipal agencies, and over 200 investigators from those agencies, in the VCET program will bolster their efforts as they continue the fight against violent crime and the fentanyl epidemic across the state.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
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