



March 9, 2026

The Honorable Representatives Paul Novotny and Kelly Moller  
MN House Public Safety, Finance, and Policy Committee  
Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Co-Chairs Novotny and Moller, Co-Vice Chairs Feist and Witte, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Stairstep Foundation and His Works United (HWU), the largest ecumenical gathering of African American churches in Minnesota. The Stairstep Initiative was launched in 1992 to explore the components, processes, and dynamics needed to reignite a sense of community among African American people.


We support HF3753 in establishing a school safety threat assessment pilot project. The pilot proposed in HF3753 is a vital step toward improving public school safety. We believe focusing on early threat detection is essential. Proactive threat assessment techniques allow schools to respond quickly, helping to prevent harm and foster safe, welcoming learning environments.

We also value the bill's emphasis on piloting and assessing this approach. By testing and learning from the implementation of multidisciplinary threat assessment teams, Minnesota can develop evidence-based practices that protect students while respecting the dignity and well-being of school and church communities.

Safe schools are crucial not only for student learning but also for economic stability. When families trust that their children are learning in environments that prioritize safety and well-being, communities become stronger, and businesses can prosper.

For these reasons, His Work United and the Stairstep Foundation respectfully request that the committee support and promote Minnesota HF3753. Thank you for your dedication to the safety of Minnesota students and families.

Sincerely,



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