

April 7, 2025

Re: Support for HF 2432 – House Public Safety Finance bill.

Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy **Committee:**

On behalf of our 841 member cities, the League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of HF 2432 (Novotny) as amended by the DE-2 amendment – the House Public Safety Finance bill.

First, we support the establishment of the Brady-Giglio advisory panel outlined in Section 2, Article 19. The creation of the advisory panel is a critical step in unifying stakeholders to review current processes, engage collaboratively, and develop statewide standards for the disclosure of Brady-Giglio information. Cities share the constitutional responsibility to comply with Brady-Giglio obligations, similar to other prosecuting agencies. Additionally, city attorneys advise cities on employee discipline matters, including those involving Brady-Giglio matters. For these reasons, we request amending page 28, line 22, to include two representatives from the Minnesota Association of City Attorneys. This addition ensures equitable representation for the diverse needs of cities across the state.

Second, the League supports the appropriation of \$11 million for the biennium to reimburse costs related to law enforcement training courses required under Minn. Stats. §§ 626.8452 (use of force), 626.8469 (training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity) and 626.8474 (autism training). The League supports these training requirements and appreciates the state's previous financial commitment to assist local agencies with compliance. Without passage of this funding provision, the training will be an unfunded state mandate and become a financial burden on local property taxpayers. We appreciate you making this funding a priority and respectfully request that the funding in the tails be increased so adequate funding is available in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of the League's comments on HF 2432 as amended by DE-2. We appreciate the collaboration that went into this bill and look forward to working with the authors as the bill progresses.

Sincerely,

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