

Written Testimony: Support for HR 1103 Prohibiting Body camera footage from being destroyed.  
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Dear Committee chair and members,

All Minnesotans, Black, brown, white, Indigenous or newcomers deserve to live peacefully and safely within our communities. Our children deserve to play, walk, drive and be safe.

Within our current system, this is not possible. The very people sworn to protect and defend us are not fulfilling their sworn duty. The police, the very people who swore to protect us, are stopping, harassing, and in some cases murdering Black and brown bodies. I am outraged at the senseless murder of another Black man. I mourn for Daunte Wright. Minnesotans deserve better than this. We demand that the Minnesota legislature pass HF1103 which prohibits law enforcement from altering or destroying body camera footage of a deadly force incident, and requires law enforcement agencies to release body camera recordings of deadly force incidents to the deceased's family and representatives within 48 hours of the incident. We need to see the truth our communities demand this.

Regardless of race or where we live Minnesotans want ourselves and our families to be safe. We can have a Minnesota that is safe for all of us where we can all thrive no matter the color of our skin.

Thank you,  
Ginny DeLuca