



# MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Representative Zach Stephenson, Chair, House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee and Representative Tim O'Driscoll, ranking member, House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee

RE: Support of House File 2845 (Edelson, Novotny, Moller, Huot) Commerce Fraud Bureau investigation of automobile theft and financial fraud authorized

Dear Chair Stephenson, Rep. O'Driscoll, and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

**MPPOA supports House File 2845 (Edelson, Novotny, Moller, Huot) which expands the duties and the ability of the Commerce Fraud Bureau to investigate certain crimes.** The additional duties would include assisting with carjacking, auto theft, and financial fraud investigations.

Unfortunately, these specific types of crimes are rising in Minnesota. Local police departments are working diligently on the investigations to hold offenders accountable, as well as provide justice for the victims of crimes. This bill would allow assistance from the Commerce Fraud Bureau for their investigations.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association



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