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Rep. Ginny Klevorn (DFL) District: 44A 581 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Representative Klevorn:

On behalf of more than 300 police chiefs and another nearly 200 law enforcement leaders across the state, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) is writing this letter to articulate our collective support of H.F. No. 1199, a bill providing for reinstatement of driving privileges for those who enter into an ignition interlock program.

Impaired driving remains one of the most significant public safety issues in Minnesota, and numerous studies have shown that ignition interlock reduces the number of drunk driving incidents and decreases recidivism rates.

The MCPA supports measures that reduce barriers for people to enter the ignition interlock program and to make the technology available to as many individuals as possible. H.F. No. 1199 expands the ignition interlock option to all third degree DUI offenses, ultimately increasing potential participation in ignition interlock programs, upping the number of licensed drivers with insurance and ultimately improving the safety of our roadways.

The MCPA thanks you for your work on this important issue and is proud to support H.F. No. 1199.

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