



February 14, 2023

RE: HF 1319 – The Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act

Dear Members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC) represents the 35 Minnesota counties that have chosen to provide probation and supervised release supervision under the Community Corrections Act. MACCAC counties provide supervision for the majority of individuals released from state correctional facilities.

On behalf of MACCAC, we thank you for considering H.F. 1319, the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act. MACCAC encourages the legislature to consider and discuss legislation that incentivizes programming for incarcerated individuals. It is much more likely that an individual will succeed in the community and be able to reduce contact with the criminal justice system if they receive programming in prison that transitions fluidly into community services and supervision.

Though we do not have a position on this bill, we believe it is time to focus on the types of initiatives proposed in this bill, in addition to furthering the dialogue surrounding the future of prison and community supervision in Minnesota. *Providing meaningful programming and interventions that reduce recidivism should be a core component of Minnesota's criminal justice system.*

We hope to work with Representative Becker-Finn and other members of the legislature as this bill moves forward and the language is revised.

Should you have any questions about our thoughts or concerns about the bill, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at cstark@mncounties.org.

Sincerely,

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