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To the members of the Minnesota House Public Safety Finance and Policy

From: Karen Wills, Ph.D.,

RE: HF 1821, Supplemental Nonprofit Security Grants

Dear Representatives,

As an interfaith organizer, recently retired as former Executive Director of the Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance, I am writing to encourage your support of HF 1821 brought forward by Reps. Witte, Feist, and others.

Living in Bloomington, where our local mosque was bombed a few years ago by bad actors from Illinois, I am acutely aware of the ongoing, terrifying threats to many Minnesota nonprofits including places of worship.

The cost is not high to provide well-vetted grants for improved security. The costs are *very* high to all Minnesota communities if we ignore the ongoing threats and allow bad actors to harm our neighbors without some basic commitment to protect one another. Governments exist to promote the common good, and as Humphrey said, to protect the most vulnerable among us. It's a bipartisan no-brainer that this tiny part of the budget help ensure every Minnesotan is able to work, play, and worship in settings with basic safety provisions in place.

Thank you for casting your votes in support of HF1821.

Sincerely yours,

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