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The Honorable Kelly Moller, Co-Chair
The Honorable Paul Novotny, Co-Chair
House Public Safety and Finance Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

Re: Support for House File 4043 (Representatives Witte and Huot) – Powers Exclusive to Peace Officers

Dear Co-Chairs Moller and Novotny,

On behalf of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association I write in support of House File 4043.

Minnesotans expect and deserve absolute confidence that individuals performing law enforcement duties are identifiable and highly trained Minnesota POST-licensed peace officers. Minnesotans and this legislature set high standards for those who respond and investigate crime. POST mandated training topics and tactics have been at the forefront of recent session priorities resulting in positive curriculum expansions.

The MPPOA is aware of law enforcement agencies using non-sworn, non-POST-licensed employees performing traditional licensed duties. These practices can cause unsafe situations, public confusion and low-quality or even unlawful investigations.

As I stated above – Minnesotans and the Minnesota legislature, hold high, evolving expectations for POST-licensed peace officers. You expect highly trained, ethical, POST vetted individuals to respond and investigate your calls for service. Please support a high standard of law enforcement by supporting HF4043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DAVID A. TITUS", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David A. Titus
Executive Director
Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association



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