



May 6, 2025

Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, Chair Latz and Members of the Conference Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HF 2432. Metro Cities' policies support ongoing state funding to local governments for public safety purposes, including training and equipment costs. As such, Metro Cities supports several provisions that are included in the House and Senate bills.

Training Costs

Metro Cities supports the \$5.5 million each year in the House and \$6 million each year in the Senate for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund. Law enforcement agencies throughout the metropolitan region rely on this fund to meet statutory requirements for courses on use of force, crisis response, conflict management, cultural diversity, and autism training. Without full funding, these critical training requirements become unfunded mandates for local law enforcement agencies. Metro Cities also supports the \$2 million each year in the House and \$5 million in 2026 in the Senate to implement the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program.

Emergency Communication

Metro Cities supports the \$14 million proposed to be transferred to MnDOT in both bills for costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the statewide radio system, that is included in both bills. Metro Cities further supports the \$1 million each year in the House bill for statewide public safety radio communication system equipment grants for cities and other entities participating in the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system.

Background Check Authority

Adequate regulation of massage therapy is an important issue for Metro Cities. We appreciate that in addition to unanimously passing the standalone bill in the House and Senate, both bodies have included expanded background check authority for cities in their omnibus bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mike Lund'.

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