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Minnesota House of Representatives
Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for House File 1567

Dear Co-Chairs Paul Novotny and Kelly Moller:

On behalf of the *Minnesota Sheriffs' Association* and the 87 elected Sheriffs of Minnesota, we write in support of **House File 1567 brought forward by Representative Duran**, which enhances personal information protections for public safety officers. This legislation addresses a growing and well-documented threat environment in which officers, and their families, are increasingly targeted through the misuse of publicly available data.

HF 1567 provides two important public safety benefits. First, the bill strengthens the ability of peace officers to protect sensitive personal data maintained by government entities, reducing the risk of doxxing, harassment, and retaliatory targeting. By allowing officers to request that certain personal information be treated as private data, the bill directly supports officer safety and the safety of their families.

Second, the legislation establishes a clear and workable process for extending those protections to an officer's adult children when appropriate, while maintaining reasonable notice and renewal requirements. This balanced approach ensures accountability in government records while recognizing the real-world threats faced by those connected to public safety personnel.

Minnesota's sheriffs are committed to transparency and public trust. HF 1567 preserves access to essential public records, such as real property and lien information, while narrowly protecting data that, if misused, could place officers at personal and financial risk. This measured policy improves safety without undermining open government.

For these reasons, the *Minnesota Sheriffs' Association* respectfully urges your support for House File 1567.

Respectfully,

James Stuart
Executive Director / CEO
Minnesota Sheriffs' Association