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TO: House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee Chair, Representative Paul Novotny

DFL Lead, Representative Kelly Moller

Representative Bidal Durran

RE: Support of House File 1567 (Duran): Personal information protections currently available for

judicial officials extended to peace officers.

Dear Representatives:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

MPPOA supports House File 1567 (Duran): Personal information protections currently available for judicial officials extended to peace officers.

This straightforward proposal would add police officers to the same personal information disclosure protections as judicial officers. The safety of our 10,000+ members is one of our top priorities, as well as an obligation of our government and employers. Use of this personal information could seriously harm officers in the form of loss of privacy, damage to reputation, and even physical danger via retaliation.

Personal information would include the residential address, personal phone number, email address, and names of any children, the name of childcare facility or school attended by their child, and any data that is also currently classified as private data.

Several states have passed specific bills to protect police, judges, and other at-risk professionals by providing exemptions to publication or making it unlawful to knowingly make their personal information available online. These include Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Texas and Utah.

We urge your consideration of this important public safety bill for our profession.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters Executive Director

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