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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

We write as members of the Minnesota Senate in strong support of HF 103/SF 1120, legislation that appropriately narrows the scope of reverse warrants—also known as geofence warrants—a practice that has increased in Minnesota by 686 percent over the past two years.

Reverse warrants compel the collection of location data from private, law-abiding individuals who happen to be within a specified radius of an alleged crime. This sweeping approach raises significant constitutional concerns. It intrudes upon Minnesotans' reasonable expectation of privacy, undermines their freedom of movement throughout our state, and risks chilling the exercise of First Amendment rights, including the ability to seek information and assemble freely.

SF 1120, the Senate companion to HF 103, has earned bipartisan support in recognition of the serious civil liberties at stake. We respectfully urge the House to advance this legislation with similar bipartisan commitment. Protecting public safety and safeguarding constitutional rights are not mutually exclusive obligations; this bill reflects our responsibility to uphold both.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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