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Representative Kelly Moller 509 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155 Representative Dave Baker 259 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 615

Dear Chair Moller and Representative Baker:

On behalf of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, thank you for your hard work and partnership to get fentanyl legislation moving this session. Your efforts to bring various stakeholders together this session to find the appropriate balance for policy changes will help law enforcement and prosecutors work to take this dangerous drug off the street and it will save lives.

It is clear from the available data that fentanyl is far more potent, far more deadly, and sold for far more profit than heroin and yet the threshold quantities needed for criminal prosecution of the sale or possession of heroin are significantly less than those for fentanyl under current Minnesota Law. Our Association has spearheaded the advocacy about this serious problem for several years and the need for it to be fixed. The commitment to get something done and bring this compromise forward is monumental and we appreciate your investment in getting it right and getting it done.

Sincerely,

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