



March 9, 2021

To: Rep. Kelly Moller
569 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: House File 707- Criminal sexual conduct provisions modified and clarified, and new sexual extortion crime created

Dear Rep. Moller and Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

On behalf of the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), I am writing to express our support for House File 707, Criminal sexual conduct provisions modification and clarification.

MNCASA provides leadership and resources for sexual assault programs and allies to prevent sexual violence while promoting a comprehensive, socially just response for all victims/survivors. We support, convene, and collaborate with sexual assault programs, advocates, prosecutors, legislators and law enforcement to promote a more victim-centered response to sexual violence, and increase effective criminal justice responses.

We believe HF 707 reforms will improve the criminal justice system's response to CSC crimes and provides an easier framework for all practitioners to support better outcomes for victims and survivors seeking justice.

We believe this is the beginning of the work that needs to be done to construct statutes and a legal system that provides safety for all people experiencing sexual violence. We are confident and look forward to our combined efforts that truly transform Minnesota's statutes and affords equal access to justice for all victims and survivors.

Sincerely,

Artika Roller, MSW

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Artika Roller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director