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Rep. Kelly Moller 569 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155 rep.kelly.moller@house.mn

Representative Moller,

Thank you for providing the Department of Corrections (DOC) the opportunity to review your bill, HF 901. We are fully supportive of this legislation.

DOC's mission, vision, and values are aligned with the goals of HF 901. We understand that in order to achieve our mission, transforming lives for a safer Minnesota, we must recognize when the length of someone's sentence imposes undue hardships on them and take into account their efforts to rehabilitate and become productive members of our communities. HF 901 also contributes to our vision of achieving justice through promotion of racial equity, restoration from harm, and community connectedness. Fiscal responsibility is achieved, and disparities can be addressed, by providing prosecutors the discretionary authority to request review of sentences when the interests of justice, public safety, and fairness support it.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Safia Khan with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Schnell

Commissioner, Department of Corrections

CC: Safia Khan, Director, Government and External Relations