

## **Written Testimony in Support of HF640**

Civilian oversight is a key to our national checks and balances on the military, and it also needs to be a strong component in Minnesotas oversight of our armed police force.

As a Christian, I am reminded of Jesus' words in John 3:11-12:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen,  
but you people do not accept our testimony.

"If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe,  
how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

Before we can have true reconciliation in which Minnesotans can be in conversation with one another about our hopes and dreams (heavenly things), we must be able to hold a place where objective truths are examined by objective civilians in oversight of our police (earthly things).

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