



March 11, 2026

The Honorable Representatives Paul Novotny and Kelly Moller  
Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Co-Chairs Novotny and Moller, Co-Vice Chairs Feist and Witte, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA), I am writing to express our support for Minnesota HF3753, to establishes a school safety threat assessment pilot project.

MEDA works to advance economic equity by supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners across Minnesota, many of whom are parents and caregivers deeply invested in the wellbeing of their children and communities. Safe and supportive school environments are foundational to thriving families, stable communities, and a strong future workforce.

The pilot project proposed in HF3753 represents an important step toward improving school safety while prioritizing early identification of potential threats. Proactive threat assessment approaches allow schools to respond to quickly, helping prevent harm while maintaining learning environments that are welcoming and supportive for students.

We also appreciate the bill's focus on piloting and evaluating this approach. By testing and learning from the implementation of multidisciplinary threat assessment teams, Minnesota can develop evidence-based practices that protect students while respecting the dignity and wellbeing of school communities.

Safe schools are essential not only for student learning but also for economic stability. When families feel confident that their children are learning in environments that are attentive to safety and wellbeing, communities are stronger and businesses can thrive.

For these reasons, MEDA respectfully urges the committee to support and advance Minnesota HF3753. Thank you for your commitment to the safety of Minnesota students and families.

Sincerely,

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MEDA