



MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Representative Patricia Mueller

RE: Support for HF4125 (Mueller) Grants to Train Therapy Dogs

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing police and peace officers in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

MPPOA supports HF4125. The bill would grant funds to organizations that train therapy dogs for placement in local law enforcement agencies to assist with mental health calls or other calls where there may be children or victims who have a high level of stress, as well as to help peace officers and first responders in the law enforcement agency when they have a high stress day.

At a time when staffing shortage is at or near an all-time low for most departments, it is more important now than ever to help our first responders get the help they need and deserve.

For the reason above, MPPOA supports HF4125.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
Executive Director
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