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To: Representative Carlos Mariani, Chair, House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Committee and Representative Brian Johnson, ranking member

RE: Support of House File 3785 (Pinto, Long), Peace officer applicant physical strength and agility examination standards established, peace officer applicant screening exam reimbursement provided, rulemaking provided, and money appropriated.

Dear Chair Mariani, Ranking Member Johnson, and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

MPPOA supports House File 3785 (Pinto, Long) which directs the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board to establish rules for physical strength and agility examinations required by law enforcement agencies, and that those rules should be scientifically content-validated, and job related.

This is an important step to make sure any physical strength and agility requirements are job-related to law enforcement, and unified across the state for the profession. This will assist in making sure everyone in law enforcement - no matter the gender, race, or other diverse background or position of the officer, meets the same standards for the profession.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
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