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VIA EMAIL TO: Jamael.Lundy@house.mn

Jamael Lundy, Committee Administrator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division
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Dear Mr. Lundy:

The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office prosecutes all adults who commit a petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offense in Minneapolis. The City of Minneapolis is also a Sanctuary City and is fully committed to working with all our state and local partners on immigration reform. Our criminal division already negotiates some sentences as a 364-day cap to avoid the additional and often disproportionate and harsh consequences that a 365-day sentence may bring to some individuals with immigration issues.

Therefore, the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office supports H.F. 614 which would permanently make the maximum sentence for any gross misdemeanor offense a 364-day cap rather than a 365-day cap.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Rowader, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Rowader, Jr.
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cc: Julia Decker, ACLU-MN (via email)
Mary Ellen Heng (via email)