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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our position on HF 2890, the Public Safety Omnibus Bill. The City of Minneapolis appreciates the work of this committee to address the community safety needs of our communities.

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the state funding included in this bill to address the different community safety needs across the state. The \$100 million allocation to the Community Crime and Violence Prevention Account will be a great asset to us and our communities working on violent crime prevention and addressing pressing local issues. The City also supports the inclusion of \$75 million in funding for Violent Crime Reduction and Clearance Support.

The law enforcement recruitment crisis is a very important issue for Minneapolis, and we are happy to support the inclusion of the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program included in the bill. We are optimistic that this program will be a good start in addressing the statewide need for more law enforcement officers.

The City of Minneapolis is happy to support the provisions included in this bill that will have a positive impact on reducing gun violence in our communities, and we thank you for including them in this legislation.

The City supports the inclusion of \$2 million for Emergency Management Grants to local governments. These funds will make our state more resilient when facing natural disasters.

The City of Minneapolis would also support a direct aid to local governments, such as that which has been proposed by Governor Walz and encourage this committee to consider support for this or a similar direct aid.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the City's perspective and insight on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jacob Frey,  
City of Minneapolis