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To: Senator Julie Rosen, Chair, Senate Finance Committee, and Senator John Marty, Ranking Member

Re: Support of Senate File 1040 (Howe): State Employees additional Supervisory Law Enforcement Unit

Dear Senator Rosen, Senator Marty, and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) is Minnesota's largest public safety labor union (6,700+ members) specializing in representing law enforcement, fire, dispatch, corrections, and public safety support staff throughout the state.

LELS supports Senate File 1040 (Howe): State Employees additional Supervisory Law Enforcement Unit

The bill is authored by Senators Howe, Duckworth, Gazelka, Ingebrigtsen, and Housley, and its companion bill is authored by Representatives Ecklund, Lislegard, R. Hansen, Sandstede, and Sundin in the House.

This bill allows the supervisors of state law enforcement employees to form their own collective bargaining unit. Anytime an employee is given the ability to bargain their wages and benefits in good faith, it is a good thing for both the employee and employer.

Sincerely,

Jim Mortenson
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