

**Senate Judiciary Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee  
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**Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI)  
Written testimony in support of SF 2953 and SF 3029  
Submitted by Matt Ehling, MNCOGI board member**

Dear Chair Limmer, Senator Matthews, Senator Latz, and members of the Senate Judiciary Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI) writes in support of Senate Files 2953 and 3029. MNCOGI believes that these bills - by reducing or eliminating fees for the copying or downloading of certain court records - will aide the public in its use of such records, and will enhance engagement between Minnesota citizens and Minnesota's judicial system.

MNCOGI appreciates the strong bi-partisan support that these bills have received - both in the House, and in the Senate. We believe this speaks to our state's historical commitment to open and accessible government - a tradition that benefits each and every citizen of the state.

Sincerely,

Matt Ehling  
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