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Dear Chair Limmer and the Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association representing the elected 87 county sheriffs across the state of Minnesota, I am writing in support of SF3317.

The Sheriffs of Minnesota support the idea of a single payor system for the examination of a victim of criminal sexual conduct when the examination is performed for the purpose of gathering evidence. Currently there is no consistency within the billing system. The bills range from \$400 per examination to \$8,000. As you can imagine the cost of these examinations can have a significant impact on the counties; especially the smaller counties.

The Sheriffs of Minnesota are committed to all victims receiving the care without delay and at no cost. We recognize the obligation to maintain the victim's rights and wellbeing through the examinations and do not want any victim to receive a bill for these services. Having a single payor system will bring consistency and assure that the victim is not billed.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director