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To: Senator Mark Koran, Chair, Senate Technology and Reform Policy Committee, and Senator Lindsey Port, Ranking Minority Member

RE: Support of House File 3723 (Bigham) Central statewide repository for portable recording stem data commissioner of information technology services establishment requirement; biennial audit by the state auditor requirement; appropriating money

Dear Chair Koran, Senator Port, and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

MPPOA supports Senate File 3723 (Bigham, Latz, Dibble, Duckworth, Ingebrigtsen) which creates a central depository for storage of body camera recording data used by law enforcement agencies.

The use of body worn cameras by peace officers has been growing exponentially both locally and nationally, and the number one barrier is the high financial cost. One part of that is the storage of considerable amounts of private and sensitive data. This proposal, which creates a central depository for storage of the data, will relieve local law enforcement departments - particularly smaller departments - from that financial and technological strain. This will assist departments in obtaining body cameras who otherwise wouldn't have all those resources.

We'd like to acknowledge Sen. Bigham and the co-authors for supporting this legislation and urge the committee to support the bill.

Sincerely,

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