



# Minnesota Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee

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- Jacob Thomas, Communications Director of Common Defense
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