



January 31, 2023

Via E-Mail Delivery

Representative Ron Latz, Chair  
Judiciary and Public Safety Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
3105 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Warren Limmer, Lead  
Judiciary and Public Safety Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
2221 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Latz and Lead Limmer:

On behalf of the Justice Action Network, the largest bipartisan criminal justice organization in the nation, I am writing to extend support for legislation introduced in the House and Senate that changes the maximum incarceration for gross misdemeanor sentences from 365 days to 364 days.

Passage of SF816/HF43, authored by Senator Ron Latz and Representative Sandra Feist, will ensure consistency of the application of Minnesota state law and align with federal criminal penalties while at the same time minimizing uncertainty and inconsistency from case to case.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact our organization's government relations representatives, Chas Anderson at [chas@parkstreetpublic.com](mailto:chas@parkstreetpublic.com) or Angela Garin at [angela@parkstreetpublic.com](mailto:angela@parkstreetpublic.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Krisai", written in a cursive style.

Lauren Krisai  
Deputy Director, the Justice Action Network

C: Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Members  
Rep. Sandra Feist