



Scott County Sheriff's Office

LUKE W. HENNEN, SHERIFF

January 13, 2023

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives
c/o Majority Leader Rep. Jamie Long
459 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for House File 4

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives:

As Sheriff of Scott County, I am committed to protecting the peace and maintaining public safety through trusted service and respect. I want all our residents to be active and law-abiding members of our community. Therefore, I support House File 4, a bill to allow all residents to obtain a driver's license or Minnesota identification card.

In Scott County, especially in rural areas, there is little to no existing public transit options and the majority of our residents rely on motor vehicles to access essential services like education and healthcare. This law will help ensure that individuals who want and need to drive will have to learn the rules of the road and become certified to operate a vehicle. Also, since all licensed drivers in Minnesota are required to carry insurance, we can decrease the number of instances of collisions where one or more of the drivers is uninsured.

It is important for law enforcement that residents have a state issued identification, which includes their address and photograph. Under this law, residents would be able to obtain driver's licenses which would allow officers to more easily identify the people they are encountering – whether it be to identify people in medical emergencies, victims of traffic crashes, or individuals in criminal investigations.

I support the passing of House File 4 as it will allow police to work more efficiently and safely, while enhancing the public safety on our roadways.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting legislation that concerns the public safety of Minnesota and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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