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Chair Latz

Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Latz and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of myself and the City of Minneapolis, I would like to express our strong support for SF 63 and thank Sen. Maye Quade for authoring it. In light of the vicious attacks on Transgender individuals and healthcare facilities throughout the country, it is important that the State of Minnesota offers itself as a safe haven for those seeking gender affirming healthcare.

The City of Minneapolis supports legislation that respects an individual's right to define their gender identity and promotes an environment free of discrimination and harassment. This legislation will make Minnesota a place that is safe and welcoming to those individuals and families who are fleeing discriminatory laws in other states.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this important legislation.

Thank you,

Council President, Andrea Jenkins

Bd. Member Human Rights Campaign

Bd. Member Transgender Legal Education Defense Fund

Bd. Institute of Gender and Sexual Health, University of Minnesota