



**March 3, 2023**

**Re: Letter in Support of SF1890; SF1883; 1889**

Dear Members Senate Judiciary and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC), Violence Free Minnesota (VFMN) and the Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC), in community, submit this letter to express our support for the MN Office of Justice Program (OJP) sponsored bills, HF 1648/SF 1890, HF 1647/SF 1883, and HF 1713 / SF 1889. Our coalitions represent over 180 programs serving more than 120,000 victims/survivors of violence annually across the state. We advocate on behalf of our member organizations and individuals to lift the voices of victims/survivors at the legislature and beyond.

These policy bills are designed to correct and clarify existing statute and provide better outcomes for victim/survivors. Passage of these bills will strengthen victim notification, clarify who has responsibility to provide victim notification when there is a sentence modification, and more accurately represent where crime victims can turn to seek financial compensation/reimbursement.

Passage of these three bills will enhance the rights of victims to receive timely notification and provide input when hearings are held related to sentencing, pleas, and sentence modifications. This timely notification will also allow victims to plan for safety. Passage of these bills will also remove terminology and determinations that, in the past, have been both subjective and prohibitive for some victims of crime when they seek financial compensation.

We not only support these bills, but also applaud OJP for taking steps to reduce institutional racism and oppression by remove outdated and problematic statutory language. We ask for the committee to support passage of these bills.

In Community,

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