



MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Chair Ron Latz and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

RE: Support for SF928 (Frentz/Jasinski) Heroes Helping Heroes

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing police and peace officers in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

MPPOA strongly supports SF928, legislation that appropriates grant funding to Heroes Helping Heroes.

It is essential to public safety that we prioritize the mental health and wellness of everyone, including caring for our first responders who are regularly exposed to traumatic events as part of their duties. First responders need continued support and access to treatment from people who understand the difficulties of the job.

At a time where staffing shortage is at or near an all-time low for most departments, it is more important now than ever to help our first responders get the help they need and deserve.

For the reason above, MPPOA strongly supports SF928.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
Executive Director
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