



African American Leadership Forum

SF 2909 – JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY OMNIBUS BILL

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Chair Ron Latz
Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
1200 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Latz and Committee Members:

The African American Leadership Forum (AALF) is a movement of more than 5,000 African American leaders, institutions, allies, and systems that come together to collaborate and champion solutions that improve the lives and experience of African Americans in Minnesota. For 15 years, AALF Twin Cities has harnessed the collective power of Black communities to solve complex social problems. Our goal is to build a just and healthy society that works equally well for everyone.

The African American Leadership Forum expresses its appreciation for provisions included in the Senate Judiciary & Public Safety omnibus package in which AALF has previously given its support, including the creation of the Office of Missing & Murdered African American Women & Girls (SF 19) and the community crime and violence prevention grant funding (SF 524). We are encouraging the Senate to fully fund these provisions based on the Governor's recommendation and House position, respectively. Funding these critically important measures fully will contribute to the state's commitment to increasing public safety and empowering community organizations to lead on this work, particularly within African American communities in Minnesota. We are grateful in the sign of support expressed in their inclusion, and we are urging the Senate to continue its support with funding increases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amber Jones
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