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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our position on SF 2909 as amended, the Judiciary and Public Safety Omnibus Bill. The City of Minneapolis appreciates the work of this committee to address the community safety needs of our communities.

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the state funding included to address the different community safety needs across Minnesota. We support the grant funding available from the allocation to the Office of Justice Programs. These grants will be a great help to communities in supporting their work to prevent violent crime and address pressing local issues.

Minnesota's law enforcement recruitment crisis is a critical issue for the City of Minneapolis, and we are happy to see this issue addressed with funding for the Pathways to Policing program. We encourage the Senate to work with the House and consider their Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program. We are optimistic that this program will be a good start in addressing the statewide need for more law enforcement officers.

The additional clarity provided by this legislation related to body worn camera footage for deadly force incidents that result in death included in this bill are reasonable changes and are supported by the City.

The City supports the inclusion of Emergency Management Grants to local governments. These funds will make our state more resilient when facing complex, emergency incidents.

The City of Minneapolis would also support direct aid to local governments, which has been proposed by Governor Walz and we encourage this committee to consider support for this proposal, or a similar direct aid.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the City's perspective and insight on this legislation,

Sincerely,

Mayor Jacob Frey,
City of Minneapolis