

February 27, 2024

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition  
P.O. Box 4233  
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**Re: SF3932- Requiring online lenders to comply with Minnesota's lending laws.**

Dear Chair Klein and members of the Commerce Consumer Protection Committee,

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) is a state-wide coalition formed through the partnership of our four sponsoring faith organizations: the Islamic Center of Minnesota, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Minnesota Catholic Conference, and the Minnesota Council of Churches. As people of faith, we advocate alongside our neighbors of differing religious backgrounds to address poverty, uphold the dignity of overlooked communities, and mitigate societal harm.

JRLC supports the passage of SF3932, which would prevent out-of-state lenders from applying *their* state's interest rate laws to loans they provide to Minnesotans, especially from states with no interest rate caps at all.

In 2023, Minnesota successfully passed a rate loan cap of 36% to protect Minnesotans from unethical "payday" lending practices. The passage of SF3932 ensures that the lending safeguards Minnesota's legislature passed for its residents take precedence over laws determined by other states. Our community of banks and credit unions are well equipped to provide ethical lending services to Minnesotans- this bill levels the playing field by closing a significant loophole for predatory out-of-state lenders.

Thank you for your time and for moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,



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