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To: Whom It May Concern

From: Pastor Richard Pitman, Sr., President

This letter is being presented in support and endorsement of the proposed addition of the "Lights on!" program of the Office of Traffic Safety and Department of Public Safety, by the MN/Dakotas and Saint Paul Chapters of the NAACP (.MN bills SF 5117 & HF 5057).

This program is mutually beneficial for both law enforcement and those of us who consider our organizations partners in the efforts to promote community public safety and strong community and law enforcement partnerships. It helps avoid costly incarceration, job loss and unnecessary breakups in already fragile home and family lives.

The criteria for receiving the vouchers and the required reporting and accountability built into the legislation will serve to make this initiative one that builds on the success of the 6 yr. old initiative and minimizes any potential for shortcomings in the future.

The MN/Dakota and Saint Paul Chapters of the NAACP stand ready to provide any assistance, outreach, support or follow-up that might be requested. Please feel free to contact me, in the event you have any questions related to this support of the "Lights on!" Proposal before you.

Respectfully,

Pastor Richard Pitman, Sr., President, cc: 1st VP Nieeta Presley

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