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Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

On behalf of the City of Blaine Police Department, I am respectfully requesting your support for Senate File 3447 (Senator Gustafson), which will provide necessary state funding to support the Alexandra House, a shelter with services for abused women and children. This bill will also support services to victims of criminal and sexual violence throughout the state.

Our police agency see's firsthand the horrific injuries caused by domestic violence against women in our community. Not only are women affected by this violence, but often times their children are also deeply impacted by witnessing the violence. Being exposed to this type of trauma can cause lifelong difficulties for these children. The care and support they receive from the Alexandra House is not only vital to their safety but could mean the difference between life and death in some extreme situations.

Our agency frequently works with the Alexandra house as it is located in the City of Blaine. They are a much-needed vital part of our community that we fully support. The type of services they offer come at an enormous cost and therefore, they need the help of the state funding bill to allow them to continue providing these services to the public.

Thank you for your commitment to the citizens of Minnesota. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Podany
Safety Services Director/Chief of Police
Blaine Police Department