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**ANOKA COUNTY  
SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

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Senator Ron Latz  
Chair, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3105  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Latz,

Please accept this letter as my firm support for increased funding (via SF 3447) for Alexandra House specifically, and any other shelters that provide services for victims of domestic and sexual violence in our State.

Alexandra House (and similar organizations) provides victims of domestic and sexual violence hope of a safer future for women experiencing unimaginable trauma. This sort of path away from the violence is essential to our crime mitigation and prevention efforts in Anoka County. Stable funding for this kind of service should be a priority in our State. The predictable ups and downs of private donations funding operations creates insecurity, which clearly is not ideal and must be changed. I'm sure most Minnesotans would agree.

As a 30 year law enforcement professional in Anoka County I have seen up close the vital work of the Alexandra House helping victims. I assure you that an increased investment in their services would be money well spent in our shared commitment to serve Minnesotans when they are most vulnerable. Accordingly, I urge you and your colleagues to support and move forward Senate File 3447.

Sincerely,

Brad Wise  
Sheriff

