



April 11, 2024

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports SF 2026 (Mohamed), which is being heard in the Judiciary Committee on Friday.

Metro Cities supports authorizing local governments to use traffic safety camera systems for the enforcement of traffic laws. Reports produced by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety continue to show speed as a leading factor in fatal crashes. Their June 30, 2023 report shows that speeding was the most frequent driver behavior contributing to a crash. Speed cameras and other motion imaging technology have been demonstrated to improve driver compliance and safety, particularly near work zones and schools.

Metro Cities also supports provisions in the bill authorizing cities to designate and train traffic enforcement agents to issue citations in accordance with requirements outlined in the bill. Many metropolitan area cities are struggling to retain and recruit peace officers. The ability to designate traffic enforcement agents will allow cities to utilize this technology while keeping officers in the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Lund'.

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