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Senator Ron Latz, Chair
Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3105
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Warren Limmer
Ranking Minority Leader
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2221
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Latz and Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Members:

My name is Alejandro Caceres, I am a graduate student at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. I fully support S.F.4258-Sen. Mann, a bill that will establish a Task Force on Preventing Violence Against Latina Women. I stand behind Esperanza United's request to adopt legislation focused on violence prevention and to investigate the high incidence of violence against Latina women. Esperanza United's long history of serving the Latino community in Minnesota beyond the Twin Cities is second to none.

I strongly believe that investing in this task force will not only reduce the gender-based violence that unequally affects Latina women and their families, but it would also improve families' overall mental health. Domestic violence affects all members of a household.

For these reasons, I strongly support the adoption of S.F. 4258 and urge this committee to also support this important legislation. It will help create unison and community cohesion on this sensitive topic that disproportionately affects Latina women.

Sincerely,

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