

March, 26th, 2025

RE: Support for Community Supervision - SF2120

Dear Chair Latz and members of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we express our strong support for SF2120, which implements 3-year averaging and fully funds the Community Supervision Formula to ensure stability and effectiveness in supervision services.

The revised formula has improved community supervision by expanding evidence-based practices, reducing caseloads, and enhancing reentry programs. However, without the necessary changes proposed in SF2120, these improvements in public safety are at risk.

Counties need stable, predictable funding to sustain high-quality supervision services. A 3-year averaging model will smooth funding fluctuations, enabling long-term planning and staff retention. Without this measure, counties may struggle to meet anticipated increase in caseloads under the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA) and lack resources for supervision, housing, mental health, and job training.

Community supervision plays a vital role in public safety and rehabilitation, and continued legislative commitment is needed to ensure its success. We urge the legislature to fully fund the Community Supervision Formula and adopt 3-year averaging to provide financial stability for county-administered supervision. These investments will strengthen Minnesota's corrections system while maintaining cost-effective, community-based supervision models.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to improving community supervision in Minnesota.

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