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Senator Ron Latz Chair, Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee 3105 Minnesota Senate Bldg. St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Latz and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), I would like to express that the DOC does not have concerns with Senate File 1907 as currently proposed, as the provisions outlined in the bill are consistent with existing processes within the agency.

We would like to recognize and share our appreciation that the bill continues to allow victims to opt in for notification rather than requiring it for all victims. We believe strongly that it must be the victim's choice to receive an apology letter.

The DOC remains committed to upholding practices that support the interests of crime victims while ensuring the continued effectiveness of our procedures. We are open to continued discussions with the committee, the author, and other stakeholders to ensure that SF1907 meets its intended goals.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to the opportunity for continued dialogue on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff Minnesota Department of Corrections