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March 27, 2025

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

Re: Senate File 2825

Dear Chair Latz and Judiciary and Public Safety Committee,

I am writing you today in support of Senate File 2825. This bill updates our statutory framework to reflect current technology, practices and nomenclature used in the investigative processes associated with physical and sexual abuse of children.

Senate File 2825, replaces dated references to "videotape" which is rarely used in these settings and the technology has converted to digital recording in a variety of means. This updated language modernizes the statute and creates clarity in the statute ultimately protecting the interviews of abused children, which ultimately protects those victim-survivors.

In addition, there are dated references in statute describing sexual violence against children as "pornographic work," which is a dated reference that does not adequately describe the abuse that is occurring. Law enforcement, victim support, advocacy, and medical providers now commonly reference such materials as "children sexual abuse material." An update to this statute would reflect our current nomenclature and more accurately describes the act of sexual abuse occurring in these materials.

These changes are good public policy as we all collectively work together to protect our children.

Sincerely,

Drew Evans
Superintendent
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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A S S O C I A T I O N

March 25, 2025

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Re: SF 2825/HF2594

Dear Ms. Milliken:

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association supports SF 2825/HF2594.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director