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

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) works to serve all communities and build a safer Minnesota. This policy bill contains several provisions that will contribute to a safer Minnesota, including several DPS policy initiatives.

The provision that expands victim notification to include decisions not to prosecute violations of Order for Protection and Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders and updates victim notification into plain language will better serve victims of crime and ensure they have information about the services available to them.

This bill strengthens efforts to stop child sexual abuse by banning the use of artificial intelligence to create child sexual abuse material or to have a child-like sex doll to imitate pornographic activities. The correlation between possession of child like sex dolls and participation in and possession of child sexual abuse material is extremely high and banning these materials will help protect children.

Thank you for also including the BCA initiative to allow for the use of drones when pursuing fleeing suspects. This change will increase the safety of suspects, bystanders, officers, and the public in advance of and throughout pursuits by reducing the need for high-speed vehicle pursuits or foot pursuits. I also appreciate the inclusion of the BCA initiative that would require only the video that captures the incident be posted the BCA website within 30 days of the end of appeals. This change will allow the BCA to improve efficiencies in preparing the video while also ensuring the public has access to the most relevant data in these incidents.

Finally, I am hopeful you will consider adding SF1578 into the policy omnibus, repealing outdated fire safety statutes. These statutes are no longer needed with the adoption of the State Fire Code which is regularly updated through administrative rulemaking. Including this technical change ensures consistency in fire code requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. We will continue to work with the bill author, committee members, and your remarkable staff to ensure this bill has all of the details right, can be effectively administered, and accomplishes the committee's goals. Thank you for your strong support of public safety. Working together to uplift the hardworking professionals who have chosen careers in public safety is critical.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jacobson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" being more prominent.

Bob Jacobson, Commissioner