Dear Finance Committee,

As a probation officer in Minnesota, I'm writing to ask you to support Pension Omnibus Bill SF4276-DE2 Article 5 LCPR Amendment S4276-10A LCPR Amendment S4276-11A Establishing the Local Government Probation and Telecommunicator Retirement Plan to be administered by PERA.

Probation officers play a critical role throughout the entire criminal justice process, from sentencing to supervision, rehabilitation, victim safety, and community accountability. We regularly face trauma, volatile situations, and public safety risks similar to those experienced by law enforcement.

This bill was passed unanimously and with full bipartisan support in the LCPR (Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement). I believe this is the most reasonable plan that provides meaningful benefits for all probation and 911 staff across our state and is long overdue.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Probation Officer