



February 27, 2024

Re: School Resource Officer Legislation

Dear Chair Moller and Representatives Frazier and Witte:

Thank you for your continued work on the school resource officer (SRO) legislation. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback that resulted in several changes to the bill.

The organizations listed on this letter feel a sense of urgency to resolve this issue so the SRO's who are not currently in schools can return as quickly as possible. The work of SRO's is vitally important to keeping students and staff safe. Their work is equally important to building positive and trusting relationships with the students in the schools.

We respectfully request that if there is future legislation that impacts the roles and duties of peace officers in any meaningful way that we have an opportunity to provide feedback prior to enacting new laws. We feel strongly that the suspension of SROs programs across the state could have been avoided if we would have had the opportunity to engage with this issue in the same manner that has occurred over the past few weeks.

We offer support for passage of House File 3489 as amended. We further request that this bill be moved forward as expeditiously as possible so that our SROs can return to their duties of keeping our schools safe.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Speaker Hortman, Minority Leader Demuth, and Representative Novotny