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Dear Chair Latz,

I am writing to oppose SF1120, which prohibits government entities from requesting or obtaining reverse-location information, that is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety committee on Monday, March 9.

I have concerns with this bill as currently drafted. It would have a major detrimental effect on public safety in Minnesota given reverse-location information can be very significant in solving complex criminal investigations. While I certainly appreciate Senator Maye Quade's intentions to protect individuals' privacy rights with such technological capabilities, prohibiting this critical investigative tool would have extensive negative consequences in local and state investigations. It would impact the ability for law enforcement to prevent and solve crimes and to hold individuals accountable.

BCA supports reasonable safeguards for data privacy protections when utilizing these investigative tools; however, the scope of this bill to prohibit government entities from requesting or obtaining reverse-location information is not in the best interest of public safety or the citizens of Minnesota. There are numerous examples of case investigations where reverse-location data has saved lives, even just recently.

I ask committee members to consider the implications of such sweeping legislation. BCA has met with the ACLU on this and other related proposals and is more than willing to collaborate on possible solutions to implement more safeguards while still preserving such an important technological tool. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew Evans, Superintendent

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