



February 25, 2025

Re: SF 599 and SF 1813 – *Brady-Giglio*

Chair Latz and members of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 599 and SF 1813 regarding possible adoption of rules governing *Brady-Giglio* processes.

As an organization with 841 member cities, we represent local government interests as criminal prosecuting entities and as employers of impacted law enforcement personnel. We take an interest in legislation that governs city prosecutor constitutional obligations and limits local decision-making authority regarding the terms and conditions of employment of city employees.

Similar to county prosecuting functions, cities must adhere to *Brady-Giglio* obligations and should be included in conversations related to modifications of any law related to *Brady-Giglio*. Prosecution may be conducted by in-house city prosecutors, contracted city prosecutors, or in partnership with county attorney's offices. In addition, in any situation involving a city police officer, the city attorney provides legal advice to the police department and would therefore be involved in any disagreement between a city and county on what constitutes *Brady-Giglio* information. City attorneys also advise cities on managing discipline or discharge of its employees, including those situations which involve *Brady-Giglio* matters.

There are approximately 400 municipal police departments employing peace officers. Many of these employment relationships are governed by Collective Bargaining Agreements, and all are subject to public labor laws. We are concerned that the language of this bill may create unintended consequences or conflicts with other legal principles in employment of police officers including the handling of personnel data (Minn. Stat. Ch. 13), contractual grievance processes (Minn. Stat. Ch. 179A), and POST Board discipline rules for *Brady-Giglio* related conduct. The League does not oppose legislation that would clarify and standardize *Brady-Giglio* processes. However, we cannot support SF 599 and SF 1813 due to the concerns noted in this letter.

We look forward to being part of ongoing conversations and workgroups on this topic. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tori Kee'.

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