

To all concerned:

I am asking for you to stand up for law enforcement and all first responders and vote NO on the upcoming bill SF1959.

Please show your support for Law Enforcement.

Do not support another way of defunding the police. This bill is detrimental to those who have been awarded benefits.

My son was a Sgt. with MPD and spent 14 years protecting this city. He is alive today because he got the treatment he needed and left his profession. He and his family depend on this income.

Para and the League of MN Cities work to attack, punish and deter first responders who have suffered physical or mental health duty disabilities from returning to work. This bill is taking away benefits that have been awarded to the first responder and are still suffering. Para and the League of MN Cities have failed to address the root causes of the problems and have not provided assistance for those in need.

This bill will be devastating to families who depend on this income. It affects the first responders themselves, spouses, children, extended families and communities.

We do not treat our military veterans this way - please do not allow the state of Minnesota to deny benefits to its first responders. This bill is 100% punitive towards law enforcement and all first responders.

All first responders have paid into this fund and are entitled to the benefits promised to them. Do not take this away.

Finally, this bill will also deter quality candidates from entering the profession.

Once again, please vote NO to SF 1959. Save the benefits to those who have risked their lives to save others and have suffered the consequences from their job.

Thank you

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