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TO: Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

RE: Support for HF139 (O'Driscoll) / SF1122 (Frentz) – Post Retirement Pension Increases for Police and Fire

Dear Members of the Commission:

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association (MSPTA), the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents Association (BCAAA), and the Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Agents Association (FAAA) collectively represent more than 8,800 law enforcement officers, firefighters, and public safety professionals across Minnesota.

On behalf of our members, we write to express our strong support for HF139 / SF1122, legislation relating to post-retirement adjustments for the Public Employees Police and Fire Retirement Plan and the State Patrol Retirement Plan.

Our organizations represent thousands of law enforcement and fire professionals across Minnesota who dedicate their careers to protecting public safety. Ensuring that these individuals can retire with financial stability is essential to maintaining a strong and effective public safety workforce.

HF139 / SF1122 makes important and measured improvements to postretirement benefits. The bill increases annual postretirement adjustments and reduces the waiting period for eligibility under the PERA Police and Fire Plan, while also enhancing the annual adjustment for State Patrol retirees. These changes better align retirement benefits with economic realities and inflation, helping retirees maintain their purchasing power over time.

Public safety employees face unique physical and mental demands throughout their careers. Many retire earlier than workers in other professions due to the nature of the job. Providing more responsive and timely postretirement adjustments recognizes these realities and honors the commitment these individuals have made to the people of Minnesota.

We believe HF139 / SF1122 strikes a responsible balance by making targeted improvements that support retirees while maintaining the long-term integrity of the pension system. These enhancements will also aid in recruitment and retention by reinforcing Minnesota's commitment to those who serve in law enforcement.

For these reasons, LELS respectfully urges the Commission to support and advance HF139 / SF1122.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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