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Chair Frentz and Vice Chair Lillie:

We write today on behalf of the law enforcement officers of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA), many of whom are members of the PERA Police & Fire pension plan, and we write in support of SF4464.

Our membership believes post-retirement benefits are hard earned by our members, and they need to reflect the unique circumstances of the law enforcement profession. From a public policy perspective, taking into account the unique benefits needs of our membership, and the duty to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we believe the law enforcement officers post-retirement benefits package needs to be a proportional balance of the following:

- PERA Police & Fire Pension Fund Health (Stability and Predictability);
- PERA Police & Fire Duty Disability Benefits, including 299A Health Care Continuation; and
- Post-Retirement Health Care for Law Enforcement Officers.

The 2025 Omnibus Pension bill made reforms to the 299A Health Care Continuation benefit to begin addressing imbalances between the items listed above. Last year's reforms also provided a five-year timeframe to work on additional reforms, based on stakeholder and elected official feedback, to ensure we continue working to find the proper balance.

SF4464 modifies a subset of reforms made last session to the 299A Health Care Continuation benefit, and it allows those PERA Police & Fire members that are physically injured while on duty (not at the Total & Permanent level) to maintain their 299A Health Care Continuation benefit until they are 65-years old, while at the same time, keeping the needed reforms prohibiting the monetization of the health care continuation benefit and the reforms regarding PTSD duty disability and its relationship to the 299A Health Care Continuation benefit.

SF4464 is a tremendous step forward in a larger, on-going process and provides the hard earned, deserved benefits for those law enforcement officers that suffer a physical duty disability. As stakeholders and elected officials move through the rest of this legislative session, and on to future legislative sessions, MPPOA stands ready to engage in these important discussions that impact the post-retirement benefits package for our membership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Myre".

Shane Myre – *President*

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