



To: Members of the Frontline Worker Pay Working Group

From: The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc.

Date: July 18, 2021

Re: Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officials

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) represents Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses in the state of Minnesota. Members include police officers, correctional officers, dispatchers, and firefighters. MPPOA is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) is Minnesota's largest public safety labor union (6,400+ members) specializing in representing law enforcement, fire, dispatch, corrections, and public safety support staff throughout the state.

MPPOA and LELS are writing in support of including all public safety and law enforcement officials in the frontline worker pay.

Public safety and law enforcement officials face considerable danger in their day-to-day work, and the COVID-19 pandemic only increased the hazards, particularly with a lack of PPE and hundreds of thousands of urgent, unpredictable face-face interactions with the public. They worked bravely to help keep communities safe. They risked COVID-19 exposure through their interactions which could have been conducted through virtual options.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
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