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RE: Written Testimony on Agenda Item #4, HF103

Dear Members of the Legislative Data Practices Commission,

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization that provides free immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees across Minnesota. We write to express our support for HF103 which seeks to prohibit the use of reverse-location and reverse-keyword data warrants. These reverse tracking warrants present serious, far-reaching civil liberties concerns for all Minnesotans, regardless of citizenship status. They also present specific concerns for the communities our office serves.

Reverse tracking warrants can bring people into contact with law enforcement and the criminal legal system by virtue of simply being near a particular cell phone tower at a particular time, or conducting a certain Google search. For some people this may be a hassle; for low-income immigrants and refugees that our office serves, including green card holders, asylees, and victims of torture and domestic violence, this could not only be traumatizing, but could also cause life-altering immigration consequences. Immigrants and refugees, even those with lawful status, can potentially face immigration consequences, up to and including deportation, for simply being arrested for a crime, even if they are never charged.

Reverse tracking warrants create exactly the type of situation for this kind of devastating outcome to occur, simply because a person walked down Street A instead of Street B. ILCM does not believe that is an acceptable risk for the state of Minnesota to carry when it has the means via HF103 to mitigate it.

We urge members of the Commission to recommend support for HF103.

Sincerely,

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