

Minnesota House of Representatives



Minnesota State Senate

Dear Mayors, City Managers, Chiefs of Police, and all local officials:

Thank you for your service to our communities during these challenging times.

Every Minnesotan deserves to be safe in their community. We have been hard at work over the last few sessions passing comprehensive and meaningful public safety legislation. Most recently in 2021, we passed critical measures like increased funding for law enforcement, improved coordination and response to mental health calls, modernized training standards, investments in community violence prevention, substantial reforms to our sexual assault laws, and tools to crack down on catalytic converter theft.

We understand that crime and gun violence are creating grave challenges right now in our own communities and others across the nation. As you gather for a Jan. 10 meeting, we want to let you know we are grateful for everything you are doing to keep people safe. We are committed to working with you during the upcoming legislative session and will do everything possible to help provide the level of public safety our constituents expect.

The current rise in crime is bigger than any one community so it is critical that we partner closely with one another and across jurisdictions to ensure an effective and unified response. We are committed to working with you all, hand-in-hand as we develop a comprehensive regional response. We are especially aware of the disturbing numbers of violent auto-thefts, aggravated robberies and rise in gun violence which are particularly visible. In response, we are already drafting bills based on the input of all stakeholders, including law enforcement, prosecutors, community advocates, and victims to tackle these crimes head on.

By working with one another earnestly we will be able to achieve our common goal, safer communities for all. We are glad to be partnering with you all as we work to serve our communities and provide peace of mind to our constituents.

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