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Hello,

As a nonpartisan employee of the House, I take no position on the substance of the proposed changes. But I wanted to flag one suggested change that may include an oversight or unintended consequence.

On page 28, the proposal includes a new mitigating factor. Under the proposal, it could be a mitigating factor that a person has “no prior criminal conviction or stay of adjudication.” The proposal does not mention juvenile adjudications. As a result, the mitigating factor could apply when the person has a juvenile adjudication but would not apply when the person received a stay of adjudication for a juvenile offense.

In other words, the less severe juvenile outcome (a stay of adjudication) disqualifies a person from this mitigating factor while the more severe juvenile outcome (an adjudication) does not. I do not believe that this is what the commission intends.

Again, I take no position as to whether the commission should add juvenile adjudications to the list of disqualifying outcomes or limit the provision to adult sentences.

Thank you,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments prior to the public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2025 to consider a proposal to amend the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines and Commentary. The Minnesota County Attorneys Association writes to simply encourage the Commission to continue to perform a comprehensive review of the entire guidelines to include efforts to have the guidelines focus on reducing recidivism.

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Good Morning,

I am writing to express my support for the entire package of proposed changes resulting from the Commission's comprehensive review.

I am a community member and also a person of lived experience. To be completely transparent my son is on the Commission, Timothy Morin.

I support the package because it is grounded in evidence based research. It maintains Minnesota's leadership in sentencing changes. These efforts ensure Minnesota's legacy of being a national leader in setting structured sentencing guidelines. It addresses multiple issues and promotes fairness and accountability, while also simplifying complex rules. It also does not compromise public safety.

I support you in adopting this comprehensive package and thank you for your commitment to evidence based sentencing policy and for seeking public input on these important changes.

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