



Office of the Sheriff

Commitment to Excellence



Dan Starry
Sheriff

Brian R. Mueller
Chief Deputy

February 18, 2019

Representative Christensen
575A State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Representative Christensen,

I am writing in support of HF1149. This bill would expand the authority to conservation officers to enforce Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) laws on Minnesota roadways. Washington County has had a longstanding relationship with the conservation officers that work in our county and we hold them and their organization in the highest regard. The conservation officers are highly trained and fully capable of enforcing the DWI laws. It is my opinion that giving conservation officers the authority to enforce Minnesota DWI laws on the roadways will further help keep Washington County citizens and furthermore, the citizens of Minnesota safe. Supporting a bill that helps in our never ending attempt to remove impaired drivers from the road, is to me a common sense decision. The more law enforcement officers we have actively enforcing DWI laws in the State of Minnesota, the safer our roadways will become.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Starry".

Dan Starry
Sheriff