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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) supports SF3840 & HF. MAC is a statewide coalition of victim/survivor advocate organizations; 75% of their membership are victim-witness programs in prosecutorial offices, and the remaining are community-based organizations working with victims/survivors of crime.

The current Aiding and Abetting Felony Murder statute has a disparate impact on Black, Indigenous, and people of color individuals and young-adults and imposes a great degree of trauma on individuals who have no knowledge of, or participation in, the act of murder.

Rather, they are individuals who are truly at the wrong place at the worst possible time. Based on the myriad of studies cited in the Aiding and Abetting Felony Murder report, MAC believes that Minnesota's aiding and abetting felony murder doctrine does not deter behavior and does not reduce the risk of re-offense. We believe that current law and practice harms those who are held liable and sentenced to incarceration under this statute.

MAC is actively working with our allies and stakeholders to create a more equitable and just criminal/legal system and we believe an overhaul or repeal of the current Aiding and Abetting Felony Murder Law would be a giant step forward in achieving this vision. We also support the ability for the individuals currently incarcerated under the current Aiding and Abetting Felony Murder law, to request a new sentencing hearing. MAC's mission is to improve the response to all victims of crime and we believe this includes those who should not have been incarcerated under this unjust current MN law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bobbi Holtberg, Executive Director



