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On behalf of over 18,000 bipartisan members across the state we ask for your support and “yes” vote on HF55.

Despite belonging to various MN party affiliations, or not being affiliated, the one thing they’ve come together to do is support our work ensuring our Republic’s democracy is safeguarded, our elections continue to reflect the will of Minnesotans and everyone’s vote counts. Bottomline - the ability for all Minnesotans to enjoy responsive representation from electeds acting as stewards of their trust and voting power is the heart of democracy. This American value is not conditioned on partisan affiliations, gender, race/ethnicity, zip code, socio-economic backgrounds or a plethora of other categories.

Democracy and the benefits of responsive representation are for *all* Minnesotans, not just some or only the majority. More than 1.5 million Minnesotans voted in 2016. In recent election cycles, Black voters are most politically engaged in Minnesota. Black voter turnout increased substantially between the 2008 and 2016 elections, going from 45.5%.

- Approximately 50.3% of Minnesota’s population identifies as female.
- Of the 50.3%, approximately 3.6% identify as Black women, and 39% as white.

HF55 Creation of Office for Missing Black Women & Girls

Minnesota districts across our state have constituents who identify as Black women. There are approximately 64,000 –75,000 Black women and girls missing. We support HF55 because that is 64,000 – 75,000 constituents, and their families, whose interests are in need of representation on this matter as they seek justice.

This is not just a matter of social justice or needed criminal justice reforms. It is not only an urban-centric issue. It is also fundamentally a matter of responsive representation and the duty of their electeds to advocate and protect their interests - not special interest, party or self-interests - as solutions to this increasing problem are debated and voted on.

Thank you for your hard work and support of HF55.

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