

Committee Members,

Thank you for your time and your service.

I'm asking you to support this Bill. From 2011 until 2014, I was a municipal housing inspector in the Minneapolis Metro region and enforced housing law. I was not a licensed law enforcement officer, I carried no gun, but I could write citations and represent the city in court.

My only tool for gathering evidence? A camera. With nothing more than a picture I had the ability to cite property owners for violations and represent the city in court. There is no reason for a licensed law officer to be required to review and issue citation based on photographic evidence. Police budgets are already under huge constraints and at a time when officers are needed to address real crimes against communities, ticketing speeders does not need to be an additional task or constraint for staff time.

Thank you, again, for your time, your consideration and your dedication to service.

-Paul Buchanan