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Sent via email

Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman
via DFL House Campaign Committee
255 East Plato Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55107

Dear Speaker Hortman:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) has represented Minnesota's public safety officers for nearly 100 years and currently has 10,000+ members who hold active law enforcement licenses in the state of Minnesota. Our members include police officers, correctional officers, dispatchers, and firefighters. The MPPOA is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

We are writing to address our deep frustration with the continued support shown by the DFL House Caucus to John Thompson for his candidacy for state representative - in particular, his inclusion at a caucus fundraiser on Tuesday, September 8, sponsored by the DFL House Caucus.

Thompson has threatened to burn down a neighborhood and beat an effigy of a police officer's wife, a female reporter, while standing outside their home. This is violent and outrageous behavior - and not just rhetoric - specifically against a police officer and his family.

Anyone - including candidates for office - that supports Thompson's candidacy to the Minnesota House of Representatives, cannot be considered a supporter of law enforcement and will not be supported by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association. We strongly urge the DFL House Caucus to immediately end their support of his candidacy and remove him from participation in any pre-election caucus event.

In past campaign cycles, the MPPOA has endorsed many members of the House DFL Caucus. We know supporting law enforcement and our shared priorities of public safety for all is not a partisan issue.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters
Executive Director
Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association



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