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To: City of Minneapolis
Public Safety Committee
Minneapolis City Council

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Ref: Transfer of Law Enforcement Equipment

Committee members,

It is our understanding that the Minneapolis Police Department is phasing out its inventory of Remington model 870 Police Shotguns. Currently these shotguns are due to be destroyed per city policy in the not to distant future. The Pine County Sheriffs Department is in need of these types of shotguns in its effort to outfit our Detention Facility and our Patrol Deputies in less lethal capabilities. The Pine County Sheriffs Department will convert the shotguns you authorize for us into a less lethal firearm.

As a new Sheriffs administration we have consulted with our Health and Human Services Department for Pine County and we have identified the need for this less than lethal capability for persons in crisis that pose a threat to the general public and the officers that respond. This less lethal option will greatly increase our Patrol Deputies success in bringing these highly volatile situations to a safe ending with the minimal amount of force necessary.

We are asking the Public Safety Committee of the Minneapolis City Council to approve the transfer of 25 Remington model 870 Police Shotguns to become a permanent part of the Pine County sheriffs inventory. The range master of the Minneapolis Police Department has valued each shotgun at approx. 100-150.00 each. We thank you for the consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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