



*An Initiative of Minnesota Alliance With Youth*

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Dear Representative Samantha Sencer-Mura,

The Minnesota Youth Council supports HF 2497/SF 2684, specifically the language on SROs as introduced and passed in the 2023-24 legislative session. This legislation clearly outlines how an SRO should intervene in situations of conflict and the Attorney General's legal opinion clarifies that even more.

We do not support the reopening or amending of this law. Reworking HF 2497/SF 2684 as passed could lead to SROs having less restrictions and causing more harm to students in their communities. This section of law protects, supports, and addresses the safety needs of students in Minnesota by restricting the kinds of holds SROs can use against them. In addition, it should be noted that SRO's are currently not even being trained in schools, which is alarming considering the main purpose of SRO's is to be able to assist with situations that occur in school.

We, the Minnesota Youth Council Committee, support HF 2497/SF 2684, as it will continue to have School Resource Officers held accountable for their actions while also placing further restrictions on activities that would only be causing Students harm.

Sincerely, The Minnesota Youth Council

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