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CSC Board Members Testify at MN House Committee on Higher Education

Minneapolis, MN – Last week, two members of the Campus Safety Coalition (CSC) joined members of the University of Minnesota (UMN) community to testify in front of the Minnesota House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

The Committee convened a hearing regarding UMN's Office of Public Engagement's presentation of the Community Partner Award to Communities United Against Police Brutality. CSC was invited to testify, sharing insights regarding the impacts the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and the University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD) have had on the university's community over our two-and-a-half-year history as a nonprofit advocacy group.

Board members spoke regarding the substantial improvement members of the coalition have witnessed in regard to safety on and around the university campus. These improvements included but were not limited to: extended overtime hours of officers, expanded jurisdiction into Dinkytown, Dinkytown alert systems implementation, secure university door entrances, the creation of the off-campus safety center, coverage of 911 call response, and increased visibility of security and police officers around campus.

Following UMN's decision to cut contractual ties with MPD under President Gabel in 2020, and in light of the university's recent decision to uplift organizations dedicated toward combatting the positive efforts of MPD and UMPD, CSC felt compelled to share its perspective on the added value our safety officers have toward improving the campus community. It is critical to stand unified as a university community and reiterate the importance of maintaining a positive and supportive relationship with MPD and UMPD officers.

To watch the recording of the hearing, please visit [this link](#).
CSC testimonies begin at [40:20](#) and [50:20](#).

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