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**A statement from League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Administrator Dan Greensweig regarding coverage for school resource officers**

ST. PAUL, Minn. – “I was recently made aware of misinformation that has been circulating within the legislative arena regarding the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust’s (LMCIT) position on and involvement in last session’s legislation affecting school resource officers (SROs). The misinformation alleges LMCIT is threatening to withdraw coverage of SROs and that LMC failed to bring forward concerns while the bill was advancing through the legislative process.

“LMCIT has not at any time suggested that coverage for SROs will be withdrawn or limited and LMCIT has no intention of doing so. We issued risk management guidance to our members based on our staff attorneys’ interpretation of the law as written. The guidance was later revised following the issuance of an opinion by Attorney General Keith Ellison.

“The guidance was intended to provide information so our members can make decisions at the local level that best meet their community’s needs. Our goal is to support our members in local policy decisions.

“It’s unfortunate the SRO provision did not make stops in local government or public safety committees during the legislative session. It was folded into an education omnibus bill and the proponents did not engage with the League or relevant public safety stakeholders on the measure. As a result, we were unaware of it until after its passage. Had local government and public safety stakeholders been consulted, we would have offered clarifying recommendations at that time.”

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