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Letter of support for HF3738/SF3690 to improve Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports in delivering care to children and families.

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Dear , Chair Abeler from the Senate Human Services Reform Committee

Please support the HF3738/ SF3690 to **decrease administrative burdens and create greater flexibilities to provide CTSS to children and families** by streamlining policy language, updating provider roles and simplifying reporting requirements.

Key elements include:

- Adding Care Consultation and Care Coordination as billable benefits
- Clarifying that certification should take place every three years and a planned shift for CTSS to become a licensed service under Uniform Service Standards in Chapter 245I
- Removes overly prescriptive day treatment staff direction/hourly requirements
- Includes language that documentation should be per provider/per modality (not per hour)

Changes for CTSS are long overdue and the changes would enable providers to spend time with clients, not overwhelming and never seen paperwork that is compliance paperwork and not needed by any reasonable standard.

Help CTSS services move from paperwork compliance to helping the overwhelming numbers of youth needing services.

I have been providing CTSS day treatment for over 20 years, I have found that the day treatment model is the most effective and helpful services I have seen to reintegrate kids back into the school environment and keep an intense community-based focus on the client, school and family and all while the client is in the community and living at home. Really this is one of the most integrated and valuable services I have seen all these years and I fear it will come to an end if we do not react now.

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