



RE: Support for HF3738/SF3690
To: Chair Schultz, Chair Abeler and Committee Members
House Human Services Committee and Senate Human Services Reform Committee
Date: March 21, 2022

On behalf of Washburn Center for Children, I am writing to express strong support for **House File 3738/Senate File 3690 – to Improve Children’s Therapeutic Services & Supports in delivering care to children and families.**

Washburn Center for Children is a Children’s Therapeutic Services & Supports (CTSS) certified Community Mental Health Center providing school, home and community-based therapeutic services for nearly 4,000 children from birth through 18 and their 12,000 family members across the Twin Cities metro and statewide training for over 700 clinical interns, parents and professionals each year.

Washburn Center for Children has been a Children’s Therapeutic Services & Supports (CTSS) certified provider since CTSS was created. It is vital that CTSS statute be updated to focus on treatment while simplifying and clarifying compliance requirements. In this time of unprecedented need for children’s mental health services and workforce shortages, administrative simplification to ensure that therapists can prioritize time for treating children and families and reduce the amount of time spent on documentation is more important than ever.

Washburn Center for Children urgently asks the Committees to support House File 3738/Senate File 3690 – to Improve Children’s Therapeutic Services & Supports in delivering care to children and families.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Steinmetz".

Tom Steinmetz, CEO

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