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Senate Capital Investment Committee Chair and Members
Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave. W
St. Paul, MN. 55103

Dear Chair and Members of the Capital Investment Committee,

I am writing this letter in strong support of SF 1534. This bill would provide critically needed support for The Link to sustain and expand their current programming and housing for youth experiencing homelessness and / or who have been sex trafficked.

This building which will be located in north Minneapolis would provide expanded supportive services and programming space that will enable The Link to sustain and expand our support for youth and families who are struggling with some of our community's most difficult crisis-homelessness, sex trafficking, mental health issues, abuse and much more. The building will also allow The Link to expand our housing for young families and youth by 45 units.

The Link is a leader in creating critical solutions to addressing youth homelessness and ending the trafficking of youth in our State. Investing in The Link is investing in all of us. I adamantly support SF 1534 as a long-term advocate for youth in our state and a partner of The Link.

The Link is a vital part of the continuum of services in our community, let us honor their leadership by investing in its future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole Mills'.

Nicole Mills, Executive Director, Oasis for Youth and co-chair of the YSN policy committee