

I would first like to thank the committee chair and committee members for hearing this bill today. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the importance of youth voices in legislation in minnesota. To accurately represent youth in legislation, we need not only the input but guidance from youth to provide what issues are important to them. We are building legislation for a future generation. As an advisory council, the MYC would be able to share youth voices to legislators in an accurate and meaningful way. In the Minnesota Youth Advisory Council young people would have the opportunity to directly impact issues regarding youth.

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