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Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee  
525 Park Street  
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**RE: Letter of Support for SF1638 –QPI-MN and SF1639-Kinship Caregiving**

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

This is a letter to support SF1638 - QPI-MN and SF1639 Kinship Caregiving. I am the Statewide Program Manager of Lutheran Social Service of MN with a 25+ year career working with children and families. Please prioritize QPI-MN and Kinship Caregiving by supporting SF1638 and SF1639 to ensure needs and critical practices are implemented across Minnesota on behalf of children and families impacted by the child welfare system

SF1638 - QPI-MN and SF1639 - Kinship Caregiving aligns stakeholders based on developmental research and parenting as primary intervention strategies in child welfare. Through this legislation child welfare professionals and systems can maintain best practice standards on attachment and developmentally appropriate coparenting between birth parents and caregivers. Currently, MN has thirty-six (36) QPI trained Champions advocating across the state to disseminate QPI in their local communities. QPI-MN has been instrumental in leading this fundamental change in the relationships, experiences, practices, and policies that improve outcomes for children, families and communities in MN. QPI-MN appropriation contributes to timely reunification and reduction of reentry into the child welfare system. I have witnessed a positive transformation in child welfare as a result of QPI-MN and Kinship Caregiving but needs your continued support and commitment.

Please prioritize MN's children and families by empowering youth and parents with the support, leadership skills and access to the right practice and policies to make changes in the foster care system by supporting SF1638-QPI-MN and SF1639-Kinship Caregiver. It is a small investment for the state that will yield a significant impact.

Sincerely,  
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