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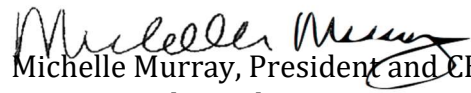
Dear Senators,

As the President and CEO of Nexus Family Healing, I urge the support and passage of SF2485 which ensures access for youth with commercial insurance to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) in Minnesota.

Nexus Family Healing is an organization that provides services across the continuum from high end residential care to statewide foster care and community-based prevention and treatment services. We are acutely aware of the need for a robust continuum of care that includes high end mental health treatment facilities. Without this, our youth are over-using hospitals and failing to re-integrate back into the community successfully.

Currently, youth with highly acute mental health and behavioral challenges can be blocked access to this level of care. When youth have this level of need, they end up stranded in unnecessary hospitalizations or with their mental health needs untreated which invariably creates a very poor prognosis for their transition into adulthood. Thank you for your support of this vital measure to invest in an equitable and robust mental health system needed by youth and families across the state.

Sincerely,


Michelle Murray, President and CEO
Nexus Family Healing