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

Please support more funding for the Community Solutions for Health Development Grant Program. We have provided free parent mentoring, nutrition, yoga and Black and Indigenous doulas and lactation to the community, as well as hold wellness events that address disparities in Black and Brown communities.

As you weigh various proposals, we hope you will join the Governor and Lt. Governor in giving this innovative program the permanent funding needed to fully deliver on its promise (SF402). Minnesota has the need and Minnesota has the resources. We need to leverage more community led solutions beyond the pilot group of grantees as an upstream way to support children and families. MN has the worst disparities in the state and we need funding to continue our great work.

Thank you for reading.

Thank you,

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