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Health and Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W.
St Paul, MN 55103

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of more than 1,000 members of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP), I am writing in support of SF 2599, a bill establishing a diaper distribution grant program at the Department of Human Services.

Beyond the acute medical risks to infants and children associated with unmet diaper need, such as severe diaper rashes and infections, research also clearly shows that experiencing a scarcity of clean diapers can contribute to maternal anxiety and depression. Conversely, studies strongly support the premise that having an adequate supply of diapers proves a tangible way of reducing parenting stress, a critical factor influencing child health and development.

As pediatricians, we encourage members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to support this legislation. As we often find ourselves working with Minnesota families struggling to afford diapers, the passage of this bill would create critical new resources to keep our little ones happy and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen Crespo". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light green rectangular background.

Eileen Crespo, MD, FAAP
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