

Written TESTIMONY OF Brynn Sexton

Minneapolis, MN

Chair Fateh and Committee members:

My name is Brynn Sexton and I am hearing. Thank you for the chance to give my story in support of the Minnesota Inclusive Higher Education Act, SF 655.

What I want for my future is to become an American Sign Language Interpreter. I want an ASL certificate and to get a job and live with family or someone I know. I have four years of high school ASL classes. Last year, I searched for colleges near my home where I can earn an ASL certificate.

There are three Minneapolis colleges that have ASL classes, I chose North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) on-line because I wanted to learn from a Deaf teacher and meet some deaf friends. I completed one semester of PSEO and got a B while continuing my high school education.

I plan to continue college. But because I have an intellectual disability, I worry about getting the support I need. I ask that you support the Minnesota Inclusive Higher Education Act, SF 655. This bill will open the doors for me to go to college and reach my dreams. Thank you.