



## **Supporting a full array of disability service options**

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Support for SF 756

Senator Hoffman and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

A-Team MN is one of 21 state organizations within the national A-Team USA network. A-Team MN was founded by families who have a member with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD).

A-Team MN supports people with intellectual developmental disabilities by encouraging advocacy efforts, increasing public awareness, and providing advice to those who care for and create policies for people with special needs.

People with I/DD want to have choices in where they live. For some A-Team MN families ICF/DD is a choice. It provides the level of care they choose with the supports they need and want.

A-Team MN supports person centered planning and informed choice. We support a full array of home/housing options from which to choose including congregate living environments. We support honoring how the individual defines being integrated in their community.

SF 756 provides needed funding for the home of choice for people with I/DD that want it.

A-Team MN supports SF 756.

We appreciate Senator Abeler bringing this bill in support of a choice for those who want and need the level of service provided by ICF/DD's.