

Date: March 24, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for SF 1593 and SF 1765

Dear Chair John Hoffman and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Kayla Linkert, resident of Wright county (Senate District 29) and I am a mother of a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder by Minnesota Autism Disorder in April 2020. We wanted to pursue the highly recommended 40 hours of ABA Therapy with them, but due to extensive waitlists – that were so long they were “frozen” – we were unable to do so.

We have instead had to work with a For Profit ABA Center that has constant issues with scheduling due to lack of employees. My husband and I both have to miss work and we have a huge financial strain as well as a chaotic and inconsistent schedule for our son, which is anything but helpful to him making progress.

Thank you for your service to our community and thank you for considering supporting SF 1593 and SF 1765. Please consider my son and children like him when considering these measures.

Sincerely,

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