



Brighton Professional Building
1900 Silver Lake Rd, Suite 110
New Brighton, MN 55112

March 24, 2023

John A. Hoffman, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee:

Nystrom & Associates has been a provider of behavior health and addiction treatment services in Minnesota for over thirty years. We serve patients in 40 outpatient clinics throughout the metro and in outstate Minnesota (including Willmar, Moorhead, Duluth, Bemidji, Rochester, and Mankato). We also provide residential addiction treatment services at our 54-bed facility located in Big Lake. Last year, we provided addiction treatment services to over 7,200 Minnesotans.

As a behavioral health and addiction treatment services provider, we've seen a rise in the need for services, while at the same time, we're experiencing a shortage of counselors to meet that increased need.

We strongly support the rate increase in SF2499 and ask that the rate increase be included in the upcoming omnibus bill. The rate increase will allow our organization to provide meaningful wage increases to our providers and keep addiction treatment services accessible in the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anh Le Kremer".

Anh Le Kremer
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel

R. John Sutherland, PhD, ABPP, LADC, MHA
Vice President of Addiction Services