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Dear Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee:

NAMI Minnesota is supporting SF 412 to fund a violence prevention project. We have found that improved research and analysis around violence, particularly mass shootings, has moved the narrative away from blaming people with mental illnesses and focusing on the root causes and warning signs. It is only through thorough research that we will be able to correctly identify people who may be at risk for committing these crimes and effectively intervening.

Sincerely,

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