



**Minnesota Coalition**  
FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

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**Senator Melissa Wiklund**  
**Chair, Health & Human Services Policy Committee**  
**1100 Minnesota Senate Building**

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) is excited to support SF 4699, to invest in children's mental health care, and the provider workforce that supports the wellbeing of families in Minnesota. Young children and their families are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis and too often parents are forced to choose between their family's financial wellbeing and treating their mental health.

Thank you for including the following bills in SF 4699; we urge you to continue supporting these provisions as you enter Conference Committee discussions.

- **Mental Health Provider Rate Increases (SF 5084)**

Investing in Minnesota's mental health workforce increases access to affordable healthcare for Minnesotans by making it possible for providers to serve more Medicaid families. Steep copays and long distance make it challenging for families to access care while low reimbursement rates inhibit providers from offering this critical care to families in need.

- **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Grants (SF 4170)**

When addressed and treated early in childhood, mental health interventions are shown to prevent the need for additional medication, saving costs and mitigating the lifelong impact of mental health challenges on a child's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

Please join the Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting in supporting SF 4699 to address rising mental health concerns, and to improve access to preventative and early intervention mental health services for both caregivers and their young children.

Thank you,

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