



April 11, 2024

RE: SF 3906

Dear Higher Education Senate Committee:

On behalf of partners within West Central Minnesota, we are writing in support of SF3806. Providing funding for Head Start agencies to expand their services to offer child care through local college campuses makes sense. Head Start sets the standards of high-quality care within Minnesota's early care and education system. This concept, coupled with creating child care space on Minnesota's college campuses, helps young parents, along with their children, on multiple fronts.

- College students, who are also parents, often struggle with the financial burden of child care. Providing child care through Head Start helps the parents connect with financial support, along with many other resources offered through the Head Start program.
- Providing child care on college campuses cuts down on transportation costs and logistical frustrations for the parents.
- Children of college students have better access to high quality child care that supports their development, as their parents are improving the family's economic outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration!

Sincerely,

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