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Dear Members of the Human Services Committee:

We are writing to you today to share our support for SF 4191. We have worked closely with Assisted Living providers and other advocacy organizations to develop an Assisted Living license with the meaningful consumer protections necessary to ensure the safety and dignity of every Assisted Living resident.

While most Assisted Living providers are in compliance with 144G and proactively engage their residents about the steps they are taking to offer high-quality care, there are instances where providers fall short. We support SF 4191 and the effort to increase transparency around the steps an Assisted Living program is taking to comply with a corrective order. Under this adjustment to 144G, family members and other assisted living residents will have the opportunity to review the specific steps a program is taking to better serve their residents and adhere to the standards of the Assisted Living license. This is a small but meaningful change that will increase provider accountability and ensure that residents have the opportunity to review and assess the changes an Assisted Living provider is making to adhere to a corrective order.

As we continue to monitor the implementation of the Assisted Living license in Minnesota, it is important to remember that this license is working. While some tweaks will continue to be necessary, 144G establishes clear guidelines for providers and meaningful protections for residents that is a model for other states. Thank you Senator Housley for carrying this important bill.

Sincerely,

Alzheimer's Association, MN/ND Chapter

AARP Minnesota

Mid-MN Legal Aid

Elder Justice Center

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