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Senator Ron Latz
Chair, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
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Senator Warren Limmer
Ranking Minority Member
2221 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
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Dear Chair Latz and Senator Limmer:

I am writing to express YWCA St. Paul's full support for SF4258, a crucial bill aimed at establishing a first-ever Latina-focused Task Force on Preventing Violence Against Latina Women. As an organization deeply committed to promoting equity and ending violence in our communities, YWCA stands behind Esperanza United's call to adopt legislation specifically targeting violence prevention among Latina women and to allocate necessary funding for this vital cause.

We believe in a future where violence is prevented before it happens. A future where Latina individuals, constituting 10% of Minnesota's under-18 population, have access to support services in Spanish, and where cultural, racial, and gender inclusivity is the norm. This bill presents an opportunity to translate this vision into tangible action. By passing SF4258 we will be taking decisive steps towards empowering our communities, particularly our youth, with the resources to foster healthy relationships and recognize the signs of abuse.

YWCA St. Paul supports the adoption of SF4258 and urges you and the committee to also support this important legislation. By doing so, we can, together, work towards ensuring that all Minnesotans are afforded the fundamental right to live free from gender-based violence.

Sincerely,

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