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Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators

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Senator Mary Kunesh
3209 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn
559 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF 4480 /HF 4838

Dear Senator Kunesh and Representative Becker-Finn:

The Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) appreciate the thoughtful intentionality by which MACSSA members were engaged in the process that culminated in this legislation. As a state supervised, county administered system, it is imperative that practitioners at the local level are consulted and involved in policy changes in this area in the hopes of improving the practice and outcomes for our children and families.

MACSSA continues to value the work conducted by legislative leaders, our eleven sovereign nations in Minnesota, and many others involved, for these policy changes for our Native children and families. We remain mindful of the need to modernize the technology systems that support this work and the need to develop increased capacity for counties and Tribes in Minnesota's child welfare system so that we can successfully implement the provisions of the MIFPA and provide the tools and resources to support both our families and our county-based child welfare workforce.

Sincerely,

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