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**RE: Youth Programming Needs Assessment - Support for SF2669**

Dear Chair Marty and Members of the Committee,

We are writing today in support of the Health and Human Services omnibus bill and provisions to assess out-of-school time and youth programming needs across the state (SF2669, Article 25, Sec. 6).

The United 4 Youth campaign launched because in listening sessions held last year around the state, families shared that a lack of safe and enriching opportunities for youth is a top concern. Families are struggling with the approximately 2,000 hours of time youth have each year out of school, including many hours of the day that parents are working. We are incredibly grateful to see this priority from community members reflected in the Senate Health and Human Services omnibus bill.

The youth programming report will help identify key challenges, policy solutions, and provide a roadmap for how Minnesota can build on the assets we have to expand opportunities for youth.

Thank you again for supporting these important provisions and for all your work on behalf of families in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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United 4 Youth