



February 25th, 2025

To: Chair Wicklund, and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee

On behalf of Nexus Family Healing, I am writing to express our support of SF 1561, Solutions to Children's Boarding.

In the past year, hundreds of children were held in Minnesota emergency rooms and detention centers with little to no access to effective mental health treatment. These children are overwhelmingly older children with few advocates, and their needs go unmet while their mental health crises worsen. At the same time, children's residential facilities are woefully under-utilized.

SF 1561 is an effective solution to helping to solve this crisis. This legislation would help to fund Youth Transition Teams to secure access our under-utilized children's psychiatric resources and individualize solutions for children stuck in boarding.

We strongly support SF 1561, Solutions to Children's boarding, as Minnesota's children deserve access to effective, holistic, and individualized treatment.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Vimont".

Margaret Vimont
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