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Chair Wiklund and Members of the Conference Committee,

On behalf of KrabbeConnect we write in strong support of SF 1175 which establishes a presumptive disability determination process for medical assistance eligibility, particularly for infants with a positive newborn screening or a compassionate care allowance determination. This legislation is an essential step toward ensuring timely access to necessary medical care for some of our most vulnerable children.

Currently, delays in disability determinations can leave infants and children with severe or life-threatening conditions without access to critical medical services. By aligning presumptive eligibility with a positive newborn screening result or a compassionate care allowance determination, this bill ensures that infants with urgent medical needs receive immediate access to care, reducing barriers and preventing adverse health outcomes.

This policy will have profound impacts by:

- Providing immediate access to care to newly diagnosed patients identified through newborn screening
- Improve treatment delays due to lack of insurance as scientific evidence shows the sooner treatment is administered, the better the health outcomes for those diagnosed with Krabbe disease
- Enhancing healthcare efficiency and reduces administrative burdens on hospitals and healthcare providers

For these reasons, KrabbeConnect urges your support for SF 1175. We stand ready to work with you to advance this critical legislation and ensure that all eligible infants receive the timely and necessary medical assistance they deserve.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving healthcare access for Minnesota's children. Please do not hesitate to contact me at stacy.pike@krabbeconnect.org should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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