



Minnesota Coalition
FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

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Senator Melissa Wiklund
Health & Human Services Committee
Room 1100, Minnesota Senate Building

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) urges you to support SF1599, as a strategy to support the emergency response workforce and to support the mental health and wellbeing of the entire family and

When addressed and treated early in a child's life, mental health interventions are shown to prevent the need for additional medication, saving costs and mitigating the lifelong impact of mental health challenges on the child's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

Piecemealed grants and low Medicaid reimbursement rates make treating families unaffordable for providers and this financial burden is further exasperating an already strained workforce. Minnesota cannot afford to have people leave the field or have agencies close because they cannot afford to pay staff and provide services to families.

Investing in Minnesota's mental health workforce will improve mental health care access for more families. We must support a continuum of care that supports the mental health and wellbeing for all members of the family—including the providers that care for families in Minnesota

Please join the Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting in supporting SF1599, to address the rising mental health concerns in Minnesota, and to improve access to preventative and early intervention mental health services for both caregivers and their children.

Thank you for your consideration,

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