



February 25th, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Nexus Family Healing, I am writing to express our support of SF1548/HF1276 increasing the Northstar Care for Children benefit from 50% to 100% of the basic rate for children under age six.

Establishing permanency and stability for children and adoptive families is of the utmost importance. Currently, families and agencies are delaying finalization past the age of six to ensure that adoptive families are receiving 100% of the basic rate and can care for their children long-term. This creates and prolongs unnecessary interaction with the child protection system and directs resources from other deserving families.

Passage of this bill will help ensure long term stability for children and families, and the allocation of resources to other families who need them. Nexus Family Healing fully supports this legislation as written.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Margaret Vimont".

Margaret Vimont
Chief Growth Officer
Nexus Family Healing