



Minnesota Coalition FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

Senator Melissa Wiklund
Health & Human Services Committee

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Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) urges you to support SF2349, to seek federal approval to invest in children's mental health and wellbeing, as a strategy to support the overall health and wellbeing of the whole family by creating a task force to identify funding gaps in children's stabilization services and inform licensing standards.

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. Investing in Minnesota's mental health services and grant programs 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 addressing 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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