



April 9th, 2025

RE: Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

I appreciate the hard work this committee has undergone to create this bill in these difficult budget realities.

Thank you for hearing and including Sen. Boldon's proposal, SF 1732, to fund supportive housing services for families.

When a family experiences homelessness, all members experience trauma, especially the children. Parents often have one or more undiagnosed mental health issues, and children have developmental and educational disruption. Family supportive housing is the essential multigenerational intervention that stabilizes a family through subsidized housing and onsite wrap-around services for each member. This gives parents the space and tools they need to be healthy and succeed and children the stability to grow, learn, and just be kids.

The \$750,000 included in the bill to support this grant program will have intergenerational impacts on families and transform lives. It will fund a holistic, comprehensive approach that provides case management, services, and programming for the entire family. This approach allows families to stay together and gives them the support they need to thrive.

This money will fill a key state services gap, allowing current families in supportive housing to receive more robust support and build more homes.

Thank you again for all of your work on this bill and for including SF1732 for families in supportive housing in your omnibus bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Helvick Anderson".

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