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ATTN: Chair Wiklund and Committee Members

I am writing on behalf of Fernbrook Family Center as a note of gratification for the omnibus bill, which would include implementation of the rate study using a MCO assessment, increased SLMH grant funding to resolve the fiscal cliff, and adjusting the targeted case management billing to allow for children to be billed until age 21 .

The impact of this omnibus bill would be significant and would be a lifeline for the clients and providers.

I am incredibly grateful for the collaboration, creativity, and willingness to find a way to make it work during truly unprecedented times. The implementation of the rate study is complex and costly and using the MCO assessment is an approach that makes sense and will get us across the finish line for this important work.

Again- thank you for your leadership during this time, for listening to our stories and for valuing the work we do as mental health providers in MN.

Thank you!

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