



RE: Support for inclusion of youth programming report in Senate Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill (SF2669, Article 25, Sec. 6)

April 8, 2025

Dear Chair Wiklund,

Thank you for your commitment to families in Minnesota and for including provisions to assess out of school time and youth programming needs across the state (SF2669, Article 25, Sec. 6).

The United 4 Youth campaign launched because across the state, families shared that a lack of safe and enriching opportunities for youth is a top concern. Families are struggling with the approximately 2,000 hours of time youth have each year out of school, including many hours of the day that parents are working. We are incredibly grateful to see this priority from community members reflected in the Senate Health and Human Services budget.

The youth programming report will help identify key challenges, policy solutions, and provide a roadmap for how Minnesota can build on the the assets we have to expand opportunities for youth.

Thank you again for including these provisions and for all your work on behalf of families in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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