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Attn Committee Members.

The Autism Society of Minnesota strongly opposed SF683. The disability community has spent decades demanding **Nothing About Us Without Us**, a rally cry echoed by members of this committee many times. To establish a legislative committee with the power to increase segregated settings and control the optimization in community integration without input from our community is an infantilizing power move that renders life outcomes of an entire community to legislatively appointment members of congress that have not lived our lives. This is not the direction that Minnesota has promised to people with disabilities at best and at worst is a subtly veiled violation of the Olmstead plan.

This bill is being directed by a very small group of parents yet has the ability to impact the lives of every single person living with a developmental disability. Until you hear from people with disabilities that this is the decision-making body we want for our community, to move forward with this legislation would be a direct violation of Minnesota's Person Centered Practices and bluntly in poor taste. Thank you for your consideration and for upholding your commitment to listening to people with disabilities when making decisions that impact our community.

In Solidatiry,
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