

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Senate Human Services Committee  
C/o David Zak

**SUPPORT BILL SF 1826**

Dear David and members of the Senate Human Service Committee,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to urge your support for an upcoming bill that includes critical updates to our state's substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health reimbursement policies. The bill clarifies existing language, increases SUD rates in line with Burnes & Associates' recommendations, and includes an automatic inflation adjustment to ensure funding keeps pace with rising costs. It also eliminates redundant cross-references and includes recodifying instructions from Senate Counsel to streamline the implementation of these changes.

As fentanyl continues to flood our state, it is more important than ever to maintain a solid workforce in the addiction treatment field. These updates are essential to ensuring that our treatment providers are properly supported, allowing them to continue delivering the care and services that are desperately needed in our communities.

Your support for this bill will have a significant positive impact on both the quality and accessibility of care for those in need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Gray", is written over a horizontal line.

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