

February 28, 2025

Sen. John Hoffman, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
95 University Ave W, Room 2111  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for Senate File 1810

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Human Services Committee:

ARRM is a statewide trade association of over 200 provider organizations, businesses, and advocates dedicated to leading in the advancement of Home and Community-Based services that support both adults and children with disabilities. On behalf of our members, we want to take this opportunity to offer our support for Senate File 1810.

Including Individualized Home Support without Training (IHS) and Night Supervision in the definition of direct care staff services recognizes the diverse needs of individuals who are temporarily traveling out of state or pursuing post-secondary education out of state. This provision will ensure that individuals can maintain their necessary support system, which is critical for health, safety, and overall well-being, regardless of location.

In addition to being able to support individuals in temporary travel out of state for vacations, for many of our members who support individuals in border communities, the restriction on providing services outside of Minnesota has created undue barriers in accessing communities that may be just minutes away.

Senate File 1810 aligns with Minnesota's commitment to provide equal opportunities for everyone, reinforcing that just because someone has a disability, they should not be limited in where they can travel and learn.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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