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Waiver reimagine will be implemented in January 2027. MN DHS DSD continues to withhold any further details on budgets for recipients. They have not provided any updated budget information for their two-waiver system.

MN DHS DSD continue to justify their decisions versus work collaboratively with the community. They are not listening to recipients. They are not hearing families.

MN DHS DSD representatives live in an administrative bubble where their policy does not reflect the real lives of people like Kylen as a 30 year old grown adult man with profound medical, physical, cognitive, and behavioral disabilities.

Kylen Ware has MEF2C Haploinsufficiency syndrome. This missing gene results in all his disabilities. He lives at home with me in South Saint Paul. He has an ADA integrated, inclusive, and Olmstead compliant life. He is happy. He is loved. He is meticulously cared for.

I save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars every year and provide incredible care at the same time. I cover him on my Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan as well.

I invite all of you individually to visit us, come sit down with Kylen and me. Explain how it makes sense to spend three to four times as much money and lose private health insurance for a Residential Congregate institutional group Home facility.

It makes no logical sense. Waiver Reimagine continues to be a terrible source of anxiety for my family. I implore you all some as my elected representatives and some as empathetic supporters of our disabled community to assist me to keep Kylen living here with the help that we need.

Residential congregate institutional facility care is anti-ADA Integration mandate and anti-L.C. & E.W. vs Olmstead decision. The “care” in these small 4-person institutions is horrific. Please do not force him into an institution due to Waiver Reimagine.

Please pass Senate File 2215 and hold MN DHS DSD accountable.

Sincerely,

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