



March 13, 2025

The Honorable John A. Hoffman
Chair, Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
2111 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Jordan Rasmusson
Ranking Minority Member, Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
2409 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Legal Aid/Minnesota Disability Law Center Support for SF 2522

Dear Chair Hoffman, Ranking Minority Member Rasmusson, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony and support for SF 2522. We support the entirety of this bill, which contains numerous protections and additional rights that will improve the wellbeing of individuals who choose to reside in assisted living and other facilities.

We appreciate the prohibition of a guardian or conservator as an admission criterion to a nursing home, assisted living, or group home. Many people with disabilities are capable of managing their own affairs, and requiring them to have a guardian as a condition of admission is restrictive and unnecessary.

The numerous financial protections in the bill will help strengthen the rights of individuals in assisted living facilities. The provision in lines 2.13-2.25 ensures that the contracts that residents sign won't change due to a change in facility ownership. The provision in lines 2.28 to 3.29 rightfully requires facilities to justify the amount they wish to charge for housing and services. The prohibition on mandatory arbitration in lines 4.7-4.21 will increase the legal rights of residents, and the protections in lines 4.24-5.20 will ensure that residents are not discharged because they choose to pay for their services with public rather than private funds. All of these provisions will improve the wellbeing of assisted living residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding SF 2522. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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