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Dear Chair Hoffman and members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MNCCD), we are writing to express our strong support for Senate File 2598, a bill that would allow for abbreviated annual reassessments for recipients of certain home and community-based waiver services.

The Minnesota Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities is a statewide organization of self-advocates, providers, and disability advocacy organizations working to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities. From our lived experience, we know person-centered service delivery and efficient administrative practices have a direct impact on quality of life and the ability to live as independently as possible. SF2598 is a commonsense measure that reduces unnecessary bureaucratic burdens for adults receiving waiver services—particularly those whose needs have remained stable over time.

Under the current system, even those with well-established and consistent support needs are required to undergo lengthy, annual reassessments that often duplicate previous work, diverting valuable time and resources from both case managers and the people they serve. Redundant annual reassessments cause unnecessary stress for individuals, their caregivers, and families. SF2598 provides a more flexible approach by allowing abbreviated assessments for adults with disabilities when appropriate, while still preserving safeguards to ensure that needs are fully met. This is smart policy that we hope could also be extended to younger people with disabilities in the future.

This bill aligns with MNCCD's commitment to promoting autonomy, dignity, and efficiency within disability services. It respects the expertise of case managers, the stability many people with disabilities experience in their service needs, and the importance of streamlining service planning without compromising care quality.

Please support SF2598. By reducing unnecessary administrative demands, this legislation will allow professionals to spend more time supporting people in meaningful ways and empower people with disabilities to maintain control over their services with less disruption.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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