

March 31, 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 Letter of Support for SF 666

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 666.

The reasons for making phone calls free for incarcerated individuals also apply to making communication services available to adult and juvenile Minnesotans in state facilities. Maintaining one's support network of family and community is crucial to the success of those residing in mental and physical health facilities, especially when placement is not available near one's home.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding SF 666. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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