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Senator John Hoffman, Chairman  
Senate Human Services Committee,  
Minnesota State Senate  
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Dear Chairman Hoffman and Members of the Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express our strong support for SF 2031, a bill designed to fund critical mental health, substance use disorder, and suicide prevention services through Restoration for All Inc. (REFA), on behalf of Afrocare Services Inc.

Mental health and suicide prevention continue to represent significant challenges in our communities, especially among Minnesota's African immigrant and refugee populations. SF 2031 addresses these urgent needs by providing targeted, culturally relevant services that will profoundly impact these underserved communities.

SF 2031 proposes an allocation of \$700,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, directed toward enhancing culturally relevant mental health resources, addressing substance use disorders, and implementing suicide prevention measures for Minnesota's African immigrant and refugee communities. This funding will also support mental wellness among the elderly and underrepresented students in higher education.

The work of REFA aligns seamlessly with the mission of Afrocare Services Inc., making us confident in their ability to use these funds effectively to enhance community resilience and overall mental health.

We urge your strong support for SF 2031, which will enable Restoration for All Inc. to expand essential mental health and wellness services, ultimately saving lives and improving health outcomes across Minnesota's diverse communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to addressing mental health disparities and for considering this crucial investment in our communities.

Sincerely,

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