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Senator John Hoffman,
Chairman
Senate Human Services Committee

Dear Chairman Hoffman and Committee Members,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Christ Miracle Church Mission (CMCM) Worldwide, Healing Assembly, Twin Cities, Minnesota in strong support of Senate File 2031, a crucial initiative led by Restoration for All Inc. (REFA).

At CMCM Worldwide, we have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of culturally relevant mental health, substance use disorder, and suicide prevention services within Minnesota's African immigrant and refugee communities. The proposed grant funding in SF 2031, amounting to \$700,000 annually for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, represents a significant step forward in addressing these urgent and unmet needs.

Restoration for All Inc. has consistently demonstrated strong leadership and an innovative approach in engaging African immigrant and refugee communities effectively. Their commitment to culturally competent, trauma-informed practices ensures that programs are responsive and impactful. With the support provided through SF 2031, REFA will expand critical mental health and suicide prevention services, ensuring increased access and enhanced service delivery to some of Minnesota's most vulnerable populations.

Investing in this bill not only strengthens the health and well-being of African immigrant and refugee communities but also aligns with Minnesota's commitment to equity and inclusion. Therefore, I urge the Committee to support and pass SF 2031 to secure sustainable funding for this vital initiative.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership in improving the lives of all Minnesotans. CMCM Worldwide stands ready to partner and support the essential work outlined in this bill.

Respectfully,

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