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Chairman Senator John Hoffman Senate Human Services Committee Members Minnesota State Senate St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman Hoffman and Committee Members,

On behalf of Mountain of Fire & Miracles Ministries (MFM), I am writing to express our strong support for Senate File 2031, authored by Chairman Hoffman, Senator Fateh, and Senator Pha, which proposes critical funding for Restoration for All Inc. (REFA). This bill appropriates essential resources designed to enhance culturally relevant mental health, substance use disorder services, and suicide prevention activities, specifically within Minnesota's African immigrant and refugee communities.

As a faith-based organization actively serving African immigrant communities, MFM witnesses firsthand the profound challenges faced by individuals and families dealing with mental health issues and substance use disorders.

Restoration for All Inc. has demonstrated remarkable leadership in providing culturally responsive and linguistically accessible mental health and suicide prevention services. REFA's comprehensive approach aligns perfectly with our ministry's commitment to fostering holistic wellness and resilience in communities affected by racialized trauma, socio-economic hardship, and inadequate access to mental health resources.

SF 2031 will empower REFA to deepen its community-based initiatives, addressing critical gaps in mental health literacy and service accessibility and ensuring that individuals and families receive the culturally competent support necessary to foster recovery and wellness.

We strongly encourage your favorable consideration and support of SF 2031. Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to addressing health disparities and enhancing community well-being in Minnesota.

Warm regards,

Pastor Ruth Adewoye

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