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Dear Members of the Senate Human Services Committee:


NAMI Minnesota is writing to thank you for including one of the recommendations from the Priority Admissions Panel.

NAMI appreciates that the amendment to SF 2443 continues the current language – requiring a person in jail to be admitted to a state-operated treatment program within 48 hours of the Office of Executive Medical Director, or a designee determining that a medically appropriate bed is available. Without it, it will lead to lawsuits and fines.

Removing the current language and reverting back to the previous 48 hr language does NOT hold DCT's feet to the fire. It is the legislature that must appropriate funding for AMRTC and community mental health services to expand. We all care deeply about the fate of people with mental illnesses languishing in jail, but removing this language and requiring people to be moved within 48 hours when no beds are available is not a solution. The beds won't magically appear.

Thank you for including this language for an additional two years.

Sincerely,



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