

April 1, 2025

Human Services Committee  
95 University Avenue W.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF3040 Letter of Support

Dear Chair John Hoffman and Human Services Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SF 3040. My 10 year old son Peter has Down Syndrome and is currently on a Minnesota disability waiver which has supported our family in caring for him in our home in Shoreview.

Peter has multiple medical diagnosis including a reactive airway which puts him at high risk for aspiration pneumonia. Traditional swim lessons in a busy pool with a class with numerous kids kicking and splashing water around him puts him at risk for aspirating pool water. This means that at 10 he has not been able to learn safety in the water and enjoy Minnesota summer swimming related activities. He loves to go fishing with his dad from the shore and we would love to feel more comfortable taking him out on a boat. We would appreciate the ability to use his disability waiver to pay for adaptive or 1:1 swim lesson to give us and him the confidence that he can be at the pool or lake, enjoying our amazing summer weather with his siblings, cousins, and friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Collins". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Amanda" and last name "Collins" clearly legible.

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