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Re: Letter in Support of SF2546

Dear Committee Members,

Mindy O'Brien Superintendent As a member of the MN Juvenile Detention Association, and in response to the crisis of youth in need of mental health services while boarding in detention facilities, Northwestern MN Juvenile Center strongly supports SF2546 and the investment in improving mental health services for youth in detention facilities.

Scott Deshane Non-Secure Detention Director Sincerely,

Zach Hansen Residential Treatment Director

Mindy O'Brien Superintendent

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