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Senator Latz and the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee,

On behalf of the team at Youable Emotional Health we are writing to share our support for SF 2546 to establish high-fidelity wraparound grants funding mental health services for incarcerated youth. Youable Emotional Health provides Targeted Case Management services for youth ages two and up, as well as, already partnering with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office to provide Case Management in their Youth Diversion and Be@School Truancy programs and as such can share with confidence that this funding would be of great use to youth throughout Minnesota.

For those working in and around mental health we know the importance of early intervention, therefore we can acknowledge that it is vital to deliver mental health services to children boarding in detention, and to then, support them in their transition, with services and stability, in their community. This funding would offer opportunities for agencies like ours to provide the services, support and stability needed and often desired by both youth and families as they navigate the often confusing and unrelenting mental healthcare system, and in these cases perhaps the justice system as well. Addressing these needs head on will allow us to be leaders in our communities, rather than playing catch up or clean up dealing with the adverse long term impacts on individuals with untreated mental health issues or the negative community outcomes. We cannot stress our support for SF 2546 enough, this is more than a Public Safety or Judiciary issue but one of public and more specifically children's health and well-being where we can act preemptively!

Thank you for your time,

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