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Dear Chair Klein and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

AspireMN is a statewide association of children and family serving organizations with delivery of care in children's mental health, child welfare, and a variety of service models oriented to provide early intervention for families, meet critical needs and promote family preservation.

Thank you for including the clarification about clinical trainees in Article 6, Section 7 of your Commerce Omnibus, SF4365. For our children's mental health continuum Clinical Trainees deliver essential care as they conclude their studies to become licensed mental health professionals. Clinical Trainees are definitionally included chapter 245I and are currently providing care across our mental health continuum, inclusive of all payors. This clarification language states that Clinical Trainees are part of the mental health service continuum for those with commercial insurance – creating certainty for clients, payors and providers.

We are grateful to you all for the thoughtful work conducted within the committee and look forward to seeing this important language advance.

Warm regards,

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