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Dear Ms. Lincoln,

Thank you for your correspondence of February 2, 2026, regarding the following legislation mandates Metropolitan Center for Independent Living to produce a report: Cite: 2023 Minn. Laws Chap. 61 Art. 1 Sec. 67 Subd. 3(b), on the topic: Report on the findings of a third-party evaluation of the direct service corps pilot project's impact on health care costs, retention of personal care assistants, and patients' and providers' satisfaction of care, including the number of participants, the hours of care provided by participants, and the retention of participants from semester to semester. Due date: January 15, 2026.

At this time, there is nothing to report yet due to the legislative extension of the program through June 30, 2026. The original legislation had the report due six months after the end of the program. The legislative extension identifies the program ending June 30, 2026. We are happy to work with our Chief Author on the legislative language to have the final report due six months after the end of the program, on January 15, 2027.

We welcome your guidance on this item.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director