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Dear Co-Chair Noor, Co-Chair Schomacker, and members of the House Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MNCCD), we are writing to express our strong support for House File 2406, a bill that would allow for abbreviated annual reassessments for recipients of certain home and community-based waiver services.

The Minnesota Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities is a statewide organization of self-advocates, providers, and disability advocacy organizations working to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities. From our lived experience, we know person-centered service delivery and efficient administrative practices have a direct impact on quality of life and the ability to live as independently as possible. House File 2406 is a commonsense measure that reduces unnecessary bureaucratic burdens for adults ages 22 to 64 receiving waiver services—particularly those whose needs have remained stable over time.

Under the current system, even those with well-established and consistent support needs are required to undergo lengthy, annual reassessments that often duplicate previous work, diverting valuable time and resources from both case managers and the people they serve. Redundant annual reassessments cause unnecessary stress for individuals, their caregivers, and families. House File 2406 provides a more flexible approach by allowing abbreviated assessments for adults with disabilities when appropriate, while still preserving safeguards to ensure that needs are fully met. This is smart policy that we hope could also be extended to younger and older people with disabilities in the future.

This bill aligns with MNCCD's commitment to promoting autonomy, dignity, and efficiency within disability services. It respects the expertise of case managers, the stability many people with disabilities experience in their service needs, and the importance of streamlining service planning without compromising care quality.

Please support HF 2406. By reducing unnecessary administrative demands, this legislation will allow professionals to spend more time supporting people in meaningful ways and empower people with disabilities to maintain control over their services with less disruption.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Jason Bergquist

MNCCD - Board Co-Chair



March 28, 2025

The Honorable Mohamud Noor
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The Honorable Joe Schomacker
Co-Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
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Re: Legal Aid/Minnesota Disability Law Center Support for HF 2406

Dear Co-Chair Noor, Co-Chair Schomacker, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony and support for HF 2406.

We support the change to allow waiver participants to have the option for abbreviated reassessments. MnCHOICES reassessments are time-consuming, can feel intrusive for participants, and have a significant financial burden on counties. Many waiver participants have permanent conditions where their needs do not change year-to-year. Therefore, they do not need a detailed reassessment. In the event that a person's needs change, the bill allows a participant or their legal representative to request a full, in-person assessment. This bill will lessen the burden for both service participants and counties, improving the overall disability service system in Minnesota.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding HF 2406. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Purrington
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Ellen Smart
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March 31, 2025

House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

Subject: HF2406

Dear Chair Noor and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee Members,

We are writing to express our strong support for HF2406 which creates an abbreviated MnChoices assessment. If a person with a disability or their loved one calls to request a MnChoices assessment today, in many counties they will end up waiting for 6, 7 or 8 months for that assessment, even though state law specifies that these assessments should be conducted within 20 days of receipt of the request.

The MnChoices assessment is often tedious and traumatic for people with disabilities. Allowing for abbreviated assessments will help clear up the assessment backlog for counties, and relieve some of the pressure on people with disabilities and their families.

We would also like to see this option offered beyond the specified age range of 22-64, and we respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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