



Rep. Brion Curran
5th Floor Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Rep. Curran:

The Coalition of Recovery Investment (CORI) is a statewide coalition committed to strengthening Minnesota's substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery system and ensuring that all Minnesotans, including those involved in the justice system, have access to quality, evidence-based care.

I write to express our support for House File 3769 which takes an important step toward improving the consistency and quality of substance use disorder treatment offered in correctional settings. The bill clarifies that when SUD treatment programs are provided within correctional facilities, including juvenile facilities, those programs must comply with the clinical and program standards established under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 245G. These standards govern licensed treatment programs across Minnesota and ensure that care is delivered according to evidence-based practices, appropriate clinical oversight, and clear treatment planning requirements.

Substance use disorder is a chronic medical condition that affects individuals and families in every community across our state. Many people involved in the justice system struggle with addiction and ensuring that treatment programs in correctional settings meet recognized clinical standards is an important step toward supporting recovery and improving long-term outcomes. By aligning correctional treatment programs with Minnesota's established treatment framework, HF 3769 promotes accountability, quality, and consistency in the services that may be provided.

CORI also appreciates that the bill extends these expectations to juvenile correctional settings. Young people experiencing substance use challenges benefit most from early intervention and appropriate treatment services. Ensuring that programs serving youth operate under established treatment standards helps protect vulnerable young people and supports healthier futures.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your continued commitment to strengthening Minnesota's response to substance use disorder. CORI appreciates your consideration of HF 3769 and looks forward to continued partnership in advancing policies that support recovery for all Minnesotans.

CORI urges support for this lifesaving legislation. If you have any questions, reach out to CORI's consultant, Sarah Erickson, at sarah.erickson@unitedstrategiesllc.com.

Sincerely,
Bill Messinger
Chair, Coalition of Recovery Investment