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Dear Members of the House Education Policy Committee:

NAMI Minnesota supports HF 3542. We know that more students than ever are struggling with their mental health. Having access to mental health treatment is critical to their well-being and to doing well in school.

HF 3542 allows students to access available space to have a telehealth mental health appointment. High school students do not need anyone else in the room to assist them in accessing treatment. If there is space available, schools should be encouraging students to access treatment.

School-linked mental health programs eliminated many barriers to accessing treatment such as parents taking time off of work, and travel time to the appointment. Allowing space to be used in a school building to access mental health care eliminates those same barriers.

NAMI Minnesota urges your support for HF 3542.

Sincerely,

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