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Rep. Joe Schomacker, Chair

House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee  
658 Cedar St.  
Centennial Office Building, Second Floor  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: Support for House File 381 and House File 382**

Dear Chair Schomacker and members of the House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee,

The Residential Providers Association of Minnesota (“RPAMN”) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association that represents small, residential customized living and waivers service providers in Minnesota. The vast majority of RPAMN members are BIPOC-owned, culturally-specific service providers who might not otherwise be engaged in the policy development and legislative processes. We are writing you to express our support for bills being heard in this committee that pertain to various disability services.

RPAMN supports policy changes proposed in H.F. 381. We would specifically like to highlight our support for the establishment of a 30-business-day timeline for lead agencies to process service authorizations. While delays in service authorization processes are burdensome on providers, it is much more impactful on people accessing services. The constant churn and delays from administrative processes creates uncertainty and stress for the people we serve. This timeline will ensure a smoother, more predictable process for service recipients and providers alike.

RPAMN also supports investments in the home and community-based services system, specifically the Disability Waiver Rate System via an increase in the Competitive Workforce Factor in H.F. 382. While the Governor’s budget recommendation seeks to cap inflationary adjustments would exacerbate the direct support professional workforce shortage, H.F. 382 acknowledges the growing need for investment in this critical workforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on these proposals. Please let us know if we can be of service to this committee as you work on the next state budget.

Sincerely,

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Residential Providers Association of Minnesota