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Committee Chair Liebling and Members Minnesota House Human Services Finance and Policy:

The Minnesota Psychological Association would like to express its support for HF 970, which makes important strides in developing a more diverse and culturally informed mental health workforce for Minnesota. We are especially grateful for loan forgiveness funding that would help to defray costs of education and licensure for Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. We also strongly support funding for supervision for post degree hours so that individuals can become fully licensed. It is also important that all third party payers participate in reimbursement for trainee services as a way to fund training, As the population of Minnesota has become more diverse, it is important that the mental health workforce reflect the clients they are serving.

We understand that the mental health licensing boards have some issues with this bill. We look forward to working with them to find equitable solutions.

Sincerely,

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