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Dear Members of the House Behavioral Health Policy Committee,

AspireMN is very supportive of HF970 as a top priority for the 2021 legislative session.

HF970 provides comprehensive support to build and maintain a behavioral health – specifically for AspireMN, a children’s mental health field – whose leaders reflect and value the cultures and ethnicities of those being served.

In every conversation held about building the future of Minnesota’s wider behavioral health field, the topic of workforce and specifically the diversification of our workforce is a top priority. We need professionals at all levels who are skilled at demonstrating understanding and respect for Minnesota’s many and diverse cultures and ethnicities. Importantly, we also need our field populated with professionals who themselves are BIPOC leaders from Minnesota’s many and diverse cultures and ethnicities.

Building the high-quality workforce that Minnesota needs requires thoughtful planning, investment, and commitment – qualities seen in HF970.

Thank you for your support for this important proposal for Minnesota’s children, youth and families.

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AspireMN improves the lives of children, youth and families served by member organizations through support for quality service delivery, leadership development and policy advocacy.

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