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Dear Members of the Minnesota House Health and Human Services Reform Committee,

The Arc Minnesota and its 12 affiliated chapters advocate for the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and support their full inclusion throughout their lifetimes. The Arc Minnesota has been carrying out this mission for more than 60 years. Part of that mission is connecting families to timely and crucial information about developmental disabilities and the resources available to them.

Families who receive a prenatal diagnosis that their unborn baby has Trisomy 13, 18, or 21 need accurate, current information about these conditions, the services available to support individuals and families, and the expectations and opportunities that are possible for their child. HF 439, the Prenatal Trisomy Diagnosis Awareness Act, will help ensure that families who receive a Trisomy diagnosis will be connected with information and resources at the exact time when they need it most.

We strongly support HF 439 and urge you to approve it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve D. Larson'.

Steve Larson, Senior Policy Director
The Arc Minnesota

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