

Dear Lorie,

I am writing to express my support for increasing the Fostering Independence Grants base appropriation to fully fund the program.

I am a licensed foster parent and have met so many talented and smart foster teens who are counting on this grant to attend college. They feel secure in knowing that they can attend college in Minnesota without worrying about tuition. Not following through on this promise would be devastating to these teens.

Additionally, not funding the grant would result in Minnesota losing out on these bright and capable young people attending college. These kids are resilient, smart, and creative - they deserve the same opportunity to go to college as other kids. They will give back to our state 10 times what we invest in them.

Please align the House bill with the Senate version and fully fund this important program.

Thank you,
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