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Minnesota House of Representatives  
Human Services Finance Committee  
473 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Schultz and Members of the Committee,

The Legal Services Advocacy Project (LSAP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written public testimony in support of several provisions in the Governor's Budget found in HF4307. LSAP is a statewide division of Legal Aid, providing policy advocacy on issues affecting low-wealth Minnesotans, children, seniors, and Minnesotans with disabilities in legislative and administrative forums.

As the State recovers from the impacts of COVID-19, Legal Aid is particularly grateful for those provisions focused on helping Minnesota families and children meet their most basic needs for food, shelter, health care, child care and disability services.

In the bill, LSAP supports:

- Changing the definition of family under the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to include foster care families, relative custodians, successor custodians, and guardians (Article 1, sections 1-3)
- Increasing CCAP rates to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile (Article 1, section 16)
- Making CCAP reprioritization permanent
- Forecasting CCAP
- Stabilizing working Minnesotans through aligning MFIP and General Assistance benefits with SNAP six-month reporting and budgeting (Article 2)
- Increasing General Assistance benefits (Article 2)
- Continuous Medicaid eligibility for children (Article 4, section 2)
- Workforce Incentive Grants (Article 6, section 1)
- The increase to the PCA framework implementation factor (Lines 47.9-47.13 of A22-0397 amendment)

LSAP also supports several other provisions related to health care, which we outlined in a letter of support for HF 4576 on Monday in the House Health Finance and Policy Committee.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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