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The Honorable Rena Moran
Chair
Health and Human Services Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
575 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Jennifer Schultz
Chair
Long-Term Care Division
Minnesota House of Representatives
473 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 3104/HF 3074 (A-2 Amendment) - Self-Directed Caregiver Grant

Dear Chair Moran and Chair Schultz:

The Legal Services Advocacy Project (LSAP) writes in support of the A-2 amendment to HF 3104/HF 3074, that ensures funds appropriated for self-directed caregiver grants, administered by the Minnesota Board of Aging under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.975, subdivision 12, are timely distributed and provided to appropriate applicants. LSAP is the statewide division of Legal Aid that provides legislative advocacy on behalf of our clients and all low-income Minnesotans and all elder Minnesotans, and all Minnesotans with disabilities.

Legal Aid's Elder Law Project helps protect the rights of elder Minnesotans and facilitate their access to critical services. The amendment's provisions that require consultation with Area Agencies on Aging and other community caregiver stakeholders in administering self-directed caregiver grants and provide an equal opportunity for all family caregivers of older adults in the application process are worthy additions to this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate Legal Aid's support for the A-2 amendment to HF 3104/HF 3074.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Elwood".

Ron Elwood
Supervising Attorney