



March 25, 2025

Dear Members of the Minnesota House Judiciary Finance & Civil Law Committee,

We are writing to express our support for H.F. 2226, which seeks to correct an egregious gap in the systems we currently rely on for keeping young children in child care safe from individuals seeking to prey on them.

Think Small's mission, to advance quality care and education of children in their crucial early years, is intrinsically linked to the foundational need for children to be safe in care environments. Safety is a prerequisite for learning and development, as children can only thrive and reach their full potential when they feel secure and protected. It is imperative that the State of Minnesota do everything in its power to reinforce this basic level of safety through its background check process. This bill offers a straightforward and constructive way to do that and must be passed and enacted this year.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the bill's authors, to those who have courageously shared their difficult and painful personal experiences to shape this bill, and to People Serving People for helping to facilitate bringing it forward. Your actions will be instrumental in helping to keep other children in our state safe.

We strongly urge the committee to support HF2226. This bill represents a vital step forward in safeguarding our most vulnerable citizens, ensuring that they have the foundational safety they need to grow, develop, and thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cisa Keller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cisa" and last name "Keller" clearly distinguishable.

Cisa Keller  
President and CEO