

March 3, 2021

Please accept this letter of support from Way to Grow for  
[HF 1197](#) and [HF 617](#)

Way to Grow has served children across the city of Minneapolis since 1989, including children in the Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center and other surrounding areas. By serving the youngest and most vulnerable children, high-quality early childhood providers have the greatest impact on improving academic outcomes over the course of a child's academic career, as well as providing the greatest impact on creating a culture of achievement and new educational reality in North Minneapolis. These providers do not just educate children, but also their parents on the best way to support their academic success. Way to Grow provides families with home visits for pre-literacy and health, parent and preschool education, as well as resources and family support.

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for bills HF 1197 and HF 617 to support the Home Visiting Coalition and Parent-Child services

Sincerely,



Carolyn Smallwood, CEO  
[csmallwood@mplswaytogrow.org](mailto:csmallwood@mplswaytogrow.org)



Ronel Robinson

Ronel Robinson, Program Director  
Minnesota Coalition of Targeted Home Visiting, Executive Committee member  
[Rrobinson@mplswaytogrow.org](mailto:rrobinson@mplswaytogrow.org)