



TURNING LIVES AROUND.

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Dear Conference Committee Members,

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of 180 Degrees in resounding support of HF2432.

Founded in 1973, 180 Degrees operates emergency shelter, supportive housing, and outreach programs for youth and adults experiencing crisis. 180 Degrees operates four core youth programs across Minnesota, serving over 230 youth annually through shelter and case management and more than 1,000 individuals through community-based outreach, case consultation, and resource connection. In addition to shelter and housing, 180 Degrees conducts extensive outreach and prevention services, ensuring individuals receive basic needs, case consultation, resources, and referrals that increase stability and prevent further crises.

Funding for our shelters in Rochester, St. Cloud, and the west metro suburbs is crucial to allow us to continue to serve at-risk youth in these rural areas of the state where resources and services for youth experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity are extremely limited. To illustrate this further, the 180 Degrees youth shelters in St. Cloud and Rochester are the only 24-hour emergency youth shelters operating in those regions. As previous recipients of funding, we take pride in the facilities we operate and the services we provide; we would be happy to welcome any Committee members to tour our shelters and to share the outcomes we have achieved.

Continued funding for youth intervention programs is crucial for the viability of these vital, in-demand services in rural areas of the state. As such, I would like to express my full support for the Senate position relating to the funding of our programs. Thank you for continuing to be a champion for Minnesota's most vulnerable populations.

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