

Dear Chairs Baker and Pinto (my two favorite Daves in the Legislature!)

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the House Workforce Committee regarding Representative Koegel's Getting To Work bill (HF3889). It's always exciting to make the trek to the "Big City" and witness the legislative process in action. I am deeply appreciative of the consideration given to this bill by the Committee, as everyone seemed to clearly understand not just the importance of individualized transportation in Greater Minnesota, but how participatory programs such as Getting To Work empower people to remain gainfully employed and independent, which is ultimately the bottom line.

UCAP understands the importance of being good stewards of State funds, and have always strove to provide meaningful, impactful services to Minnesotans in need, with the mission of providing a hand-up, not a hand-out. The fact that our mission resonated with understanding within the Committee is heartening and truly demonstrates that we're all in this together.

Again, thank you for your consideration, and I am more than happy to answer any further questions either of you or the Committee members have.

Thanks!

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"Someone else is happy with less than what you have"-Author unknown

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