



## Supporting a full array of disability service options

*My Home My Work My Life My Choice*

**Members of SF2934 HHS Omnibus Conference Committee: Chair John Hoffman, Sen. Jim Abeler, Sen. Omar Fateh, Chair Mohamud Noor, Rep. Dave Baker, Rep. Peter Fischer**

**RE: SF2934 – HHS Omnibus Bill- Conference Committee**

**A-Team Minnesota is one of 21 state organizations within national A-Team USA network. A-Team MN was founded by families who have a member with significant intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). A-Team MN network includes self-advocates, families, community partners, and providers from around the state. A-Team MN families advocate for civil rights, human rights and dignity of their loved ones with disabilities and their person-centered informed choices.**

**Thank you for your resolve and commitment to developing policies to benefit Minnesota's most vulnerable citizens. A-Team MN families appreciate your support in funding competitive compensation for direct support professionals and increased funding for ICF/DD.**

**As A-Team MN testified in committees, A-Team MN families support 14(c) center based special minimum wage work options as an informed choice within a full array of disability service options. Special minimum wage work option is the type of informed choice employment many of our family members choose and enjoy. It is a place where they can safely and with supports work and socialize amidst their community of friends and positive supports. It is where they feel a purpose and self-worth.**

**A-Team MN respectfully requests that you accept the Senate language that ensures 14(c) special minimum wage as a work option through person centered planning and informed choice. And delete House language related to phase out and elimination of 14(c).**

**A-Team MN supports development of a full array of work options from which people with disabilities can choose. We oppose eliminating any existing work options.**

**We thank you for your consideration of A-Team MN positions expressed in this letter.**

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