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Re: HF 1287

Dear Committee Members, Governor and Lt. Governor:

I write on behalf of the Institute to Transform Child Protection to express our gratitude and appreciation for your consideration, support, and supplemental funding for HF 1287.

This bill and the several year-long push behind it has been the collective work of many individuals and organizations. The bill will help many families in Minnesota to remain together and connected through relative foster care. The bill will also directly impact Minnesota's child welfare racial disparities.

We appreciate the administration's and committee's support. Thank you for your concern and commitment to Minnesota's children and families who experience child welfare involvement and out of home placement.

Sincerely,

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Joanna Woolman Director, Institute to Transform Child Protection