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RE: Please support sustaining and growing our mental health workforce HF 970

Dear Distinguished Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I am writing to you to ask that you support HF 970.

I am a marriage and family mental health practitioner working at Wilder Foundation. I see families dealing with many mental health issues. These are due to past or current trauma experiences they witnessed or experienced themselves. Mental health services will help them heal. They will be able to have a better future. Family members will be able to support each other in healthy ways and contribute to their communities. This bill will support the mental health for families in Minnesota by increasing the growth of our mental health workforce.

This bill provides a comprehensive array of strategies that address building a more informed, competent mental health workforce in our state. We strongly support the efforts outlined in this bill and urge your support to invest in strengthening our mental health system for all Minnesotans by investing in our workforce.

Thank you,

M. Susan Pfau
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