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House Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy
ATTN: Chair Dave Pinto and Members of the Committee
525 Park Street
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RE: Letter of Support for HF1672 – APPROPRIATION: QUALITY PARENTING INITIATIVE (QPI-MN)

Dear Chair Dave Pinto and Members of the Committee:

This is a letter to support HF1672 (QPI-MN) – Appropriation: Quality Parenting Initiative in MN. I am the Statewide Program Manager of Lutheran Social Service of MN with a 25+ year career working with children and families. Please support QPI-MN and ensure it is a priority for 2023 on behalf of children and families across Minnesota.

HF1672 Quality Parenting Initiative will align stakeholders based on developmental research and parenting as primary intervention strategies in child welfare. Through this legislation child welfare professionals and systems can maintain best practice standards on attachment and developmentally appropriate coparenting between birth parents and caregivers. Currently, MN has thirty-six (36) QPI trained Champions advocating across the state to disseminate QPI in their local communities. QPI-MN has been instrumental in leading this fundamental change in the relationships, experiences, practices, and policies that improve outcomes for children, families and communities in MN. QPI-MN appropriation contributes to timely reunification and reduction of reentry into the child welfare system.

Please prioritize MN's children and families by empowering youth and parents with the support, leadership skills and access to the right practice and policies to make changes in the foster care system by supporting HF1672-QPI-MN. It is a small investment for the state that will yield a significant impact.

Sincerely,
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