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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for **HF 2937**, authored by Representative McDonald. As a single mother navigating the family court system, I believe this legislation is vital to protecting parental rights and ensuring judicial oversight in Minnesota.

I was granted sole legal and physical custody of my three minor children in 2023, yet I am currently experiencing significant financial hardship and emotional distress due to the ongoing involvement of a Parenting Consultant. I have spent over \$18,000 alone (that is \$36,000 collectively between the two parents) to advocate for my children with a parent consultant when the court has already established sole legal custody and created a “pay to play” situation. In my experience, the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process has broken down, allowing a consultant to overstep and effectively rewrite the rights granted to me by the court—all without the necessary judicial oversight this bill seeks to establish.

This bill provides essential "guardrails" for families like mine by ensuring that consultants cannot modify court orders and by giving parents a clear path to discharge a parent consultant when the process is no longer serving the best interests of the children.

I am very grateful for the leadership on this issue and having this bill being heard in the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee to set guardrails for families and implement common-sense.

Thank you for your time and for your work on behalf of Minnesota families.

Sincerely,

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