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To the Members of the Minnesota House Commerce Finance & Policy Committee:

On behalf of EOSIS, I am writing to express our strong support for House File 3904 (HF 3904), which would require reimbursement rate parity for clinical trainees providing alcoholism, mental health, and chemical dependency services. This legislation is a critical step toward strengthening Minnesota's behavioral health workforce and improving access to care.

At EOSIS, we provide comprehensive substance use and mental health services to individuals and families across Minnesota. Our clinical trainees, including counselors and social workers gaining supervised experience, play an essential role in delivering high-quality care, often in underserved communities.

Currently, reimbursement rates for trainee-provided services are lower than for fully licensed clinicians. This disparity limits training opportunities, strains provider capacity, and reduces access to services for the communities that need them most. HF 3904 addresses this by ensuring equitable reimbursement, which will:

- Expand workforce capacity by making more clinical training placements financially sustainable.
- Increase access to care for Minnesotans seeking substance use and co-occurring mental health services, particularly in rural and underserved areas.
- Support professional development by enabling trainees to continue serving clients as they progress toward licensure.

By advancing HF 3904, the Legislature will strengthen Minnesota's behavioral health system and ensure that all Minnesotans have access to timely, high-quality care. EOSIS strongly supports this legislation and urges the Committee to pass it.

Sincerely,

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