



Minnesota Coalition
FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

Representative Joe Schomacker
Human Services Finance & Policy Committee
Minnesota Capitol, 123
Re: HF2040/ SF2349, Children's Mental Health

April 2, 2025

Dear Chair Schomacker, Chair Noor, and Members of the Human Services Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) urges you to support HF2040 as a strategy to invest in children's mental health care, and the provider workforce that supports the wellbeing of families in Minnesota. When addressed and treated early, mental health interventions are shown to prevent the need for additional medication, saving costs and mitigating the lifelong impact of mental health challenges on a baby's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

To build and sustain a family-centered mental health continuum, families must have timely access to early intervention and community-based mental health services to address and support their child's mental health and wellbeing. Investing in mental health services in Minnesota will increase access to affordable healthcare by removing unnecessary complexities and investing in the workforce supporting the mental health and wellbeing of families in Minnesota.

Young children and their families are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis and too often parents are forced to choose between their family's financial wellbeing and treating their mental health. Please join the Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting in supporting HF 2040, to address rising mental health concerns and to improve access to preventative and early intervention mental health services for both caregivers and their young children.

Thank you,

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