

Dear Ms. Conley:

I am contacting you today in support of the passing of Bill HF 4120. My Clay County Minnesota Family Child Care was lucky enough to be a recipient of a recent Farm to School grant.

I have seen the excitement, lifelong experience and knowledge that stems from this type of grant being available to the children in early childcare settings and schools.

Introducing young children to the importance of growing their own food and also eating food received from local growers whenever possible has many many benefits.

The grant my program received was used to purchase all the needed supplies for a raised garden so we can grow our own fruits and vegetables for my program. The children have loved planting seeds, watering the garden, pulling ripe produce out of the garden and consuming the healthy produce as well as using product aids such as books and gardening tools to learn more about the process.

The pandemic that our world has and is facing made it more important than ever to appreciate local farmers and also encourages us all to do our own part when possible to educate our youngest children from a early age of all the benefits and how to plant and grow our own garden.

I ask for your full support of bill HF 4120.

Sincerely,

Trisha Myklebust
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