



March 20, 2024

Chair Noor and members:

On behalf of the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative, we are writing in support of HF 2666, the MN Basic Income Bill.

The Saint Paul Children's Collaborative's mission is to mobilize the influence and resources of the city, county, school district, and community to improve outcomes for young people in Saint Paul. Our grantees serve children and families who are living in poverty, which poses significant challenges to their success in school and life. The SPCC supports Guaranteed Income and other initiatives that will support the stability and economic mobility of young people and their families. We know that Guaranteed Income impacts the outcomes we care about at SPCC – supporting young people to learn, grow, and thrive.

HF 2666 is a critical piece of legislation that will ensure young people and their families have the resources they need to afford their rent, childcare, transportation, job training, and enrichment activities for young people. However, the SPCC board wants to ensure that the Guaranteed Income does not negative impact recipients' public benefits. We also want to recommend that the funds be disbursed by nonprofits that are of the community, not large institutions without existing relationships in their communities.

This bill is an easy way to ensure Minnesotans, including young people and their families in Saint Paul, have the income they need to increase their economic well-being which in turn increases their physical and mental health and housing stability. These are all critical components of safe, thriving communities and healthy youth development.

We urge you to support HF 2666!

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole MartinRogers".

Nicole MartinRogers

Co-director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Davis".

Laurie Davis

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