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To: Nick Stumo-Langer
Subject: Letter of Support for HF 1434/SF1201Packet letter for TEFRA hearing

Please include this letter with the packets for the hearing on Wednesday March 1st.

Good afternoon Chair Peter Fischer and Members of House Human Services Policy Committee:

I am Shannon Peterson from Springfield, MN & I'm writing to you as the parent of a child with a disability and a participant in the TEFRA program and a constituent of district 15.

My family is personally affected by this issue in that we have participated in TEFRA since August of 2020. We would've applied sooner as our adopted daughter qualified, yet Tefra was out of reach financially for a small grain farm family especially during 2016-2020 when crop prices were extremely low. Even when we finally did apply, our family was in the process of retiring, selling our family farm (which has taken three years) & although the sale of a business or home is supposed to be exempt from income, this was only allowed once. In the last three years of paying, our family Tefra tax has been annually; 2020 - \$1700 after an appeal, \$25,000 in 2021, \$16,000 in 2022. Each year we sold a piece of our farm, yet the state's general fund taxed us additional for trying to retire & have our adopted, disabled daughter (from the state system) on the waiver.

Our family has had to make difficult choices, I closed my business, we sold our 125 year family farm, yet the relief of a waiver & services for our disabled child has been a godsend to our family, the mental health of our daughter & to our marriage.

I am asking for your support for HF1434/SF1201.

Thank You,
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