

Written TESTIMONY OF Brynn Sexton

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Chair Pelowski and Committee members:

My name is Brynn Sexton and I am hearing. Thank you for the chance to give my story in support of Minnesota Inclusive Higher Education, HF 687.

I am testifying because I want people with all disabilities to be able to go to college. I am speaking up for myself and others to advocate for our dreams. When I testify in person, I use American Sign Language (ASL) to share my story because I want to go to college and get an ASL certificate.

What I want for my future is to become an American Sign Language Interpreter. I want an ASL certificate and to get a job and live with family or someone I know. I have four years of high school ASL classes. Last year, I searched for colleges near my home where I can earn an ASL certificate.

There are three Minneapolis colleges that have ASL classes, I chose North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) online because I wanted to learn from a Deaf teacher and meet some deaf friends. I completed one semester of PSEO and got a B while continuing my high school education.

I plan to continue college. But because I have an intellectual disability, I worry about how to get the support that I need. I ask that you support Minnesota Inclusive Higher Education Act, HF 687. This Bill will open the doors for me to go to college and reach my dreams. Thank you.