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3/27/2025

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

180 Degrees is writing to express our strong support for HF 2707 and the aligning Senate bill. We greatly appreciate all of the investments within this bill that provide critical additional funds to support those most vulnerable in our state – children and youth who have been victims of sex trafficking.

180 Degrees provides a continuum of services, emergency shelter, outreach, and aftercare services for youth experiencing homelessness, who have been sexually exploited or trafficked, and/or who are involved in the juvenile justice and foster care systems. We are part of a broader state-wide coalition of youth service providers called the Youth Services Network (YSN). 180 Degrees, along with the YSN, has been advocating towards ending youth homelessness and sex trafficking for a number of years and we appreciate the incredible bipartisan support for victims of sex trafficking and our Safe Harbor Law and response. Although you have all helped us to make incredible progress in the fight to end sex trafficking in our state – we need additional resources to help the number of children being sex trafficked across our state. HF 2707 would provide much-needed funding to help more victims out of sex trafficking by allowing us to expand our state's services, emergency shelter and housing for victims.

Sex trafficking is a harrowing issue within our state; in 2022 the Minnesota Student Survey found that at least 4,800 Minnesota 9th and 11th graders have experienced sexual exploitation. This number is an undercount in that it only represents two grade levels and only the youth who happened to be in school at this time and who felt comfortable enough answering the question on a school survey. 180 Degrees is just one of the Safe Harbor funded grantees in the

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state – we provide emergency shelter, supporting services, outreach, and aftercare services for sexually exploited youth throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota children and youth deserve a safe and stable place to get out of trafficking, heal and receive support to accomplish the goals that they have for themselves. We have an incredible opportunity to reduce sex trafficking in our state by supporting HF 2707 and the aligned Senate bill. We cannot thank you enough for your incredible support for the vulnerable Minnesota youth who have been victims of sex trafficking.

Sincerely,

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