TO: House Health Finance & Policy Committee

Committee Chair: Rep. Tina Liebling

FROM: Monica Halvorson, Registered Voter District 31

RE: Help Me Connect

DATE: March 28, 2023

Please add <u>Help Me Connect</u> to the Health omnibus bill <u>DE Amendment HF2930</u> as their grant funding will end December 2023.

Help Me Connect is the "one stop shop" navigation tool for expectant families, families with young children, and those working with families connecting them to "services in their local communities that support healthy child development and family well-being."

The development of this "tool" simplifies access to a myriad of local services and resources that exist across systems that are complex. In fact, Help Me Connect was an interagency collaboration between the State's Departments of Education, Health and Human Services which is remarkable. Ideally it reduces gaps, disparities **and** redundancy while promoting the health and well-being of children and families.

I will be redundant with my request for you to add <u>Help Me Connect</u> to the Health omnibus bill <u>DE</u> Amendment HF2930.

Thank you!

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