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Dear Members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

NAMI Minnesota strongly supports HF 317 which would allow someone to break a lease due to their disability or illness. This will relieve the burden on people who must move to a licensed facility due to their health and can no longer live in their own apartment.

We have learned of situations where an individual with a mental illness must move into a more intensive setting such as an Intensive Residential Treatment Facility or corporate foster home with a CADI waiver. Not being able to break the lease impacts them financially and in their ability to find housing in the future after recovery.

We urge your support for this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Abderholden", written in a cursive style.

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