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Representative Dave Pinto  
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Mister Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Prenatal to Three (PN-3) Coalition and our partners, we are writing in support of voluntary home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children. Home visiting services provide critical supports to families prenatally and through the first several years of life; helping parents attend to the development of their children while navigating and managing external stressors such as housing or food insecurity, abuse or chemical dependency.

We support the additional flexibility in HF 1197 to meet the various needs of families and home visiting programs that serve them.

We thank you for consideration and support. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact our Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, Deb Fitzpatrick at [dfitzpatrick@childrensdefense.org](mailto:dfitzpatrick@childrensdefense.org) or Coalition Coordinator, Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn at [laura@lacroixdalluhnconsulting.com](mailto:laura@lacroixdalluhnconsulting.com).

Thank you,

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