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Dear Members of the House Human Services Finance Committee:

NAMI Minnesota strongly supports HF 1660 which would raise the income eligibility level for people with disabilities and elderly people on Medical Assistance from 100% of poverty to 133% of poverty. This change would align to the eligibility criteria of other adults on Medical Assistance.

We have heard from our members how difficult it is to spend down their income to 100% of poverty. They are trying to live in their own homes and need the services covered under Medicaid to do so. That leaves little other funds to live on and to pay daily living expenses.

Thank you for considering this bill and addressing the disparity that exists under Medicaid when comparing different income and asset eligibility criteria.

Sincerely,

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