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Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee
Representative Nolan West, Chair

Dear Chair West and Committee Members,

On behalf of more than 1,000 members of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP), I am writing in support of HF 1581, a bill to fund the Diaper Bank of Minnesota's critically important work to distribute diapers to families in need.

Beyond the acute medical risks to infants and children associated with unmet diaper need, such as severe diaper rashes and infections, research also clearly shows that experiencing a scarcity of clean diapers can contribute to maternal anxiety and depression. Conversely, studies strongly support the premise that having an adequate supply of diapers proves a tangible way of reducing parenting stress, a critical factor influencing child health and development.

We encourage members of the House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee to support this legislation. As our pediatrician members often encounter Minnesota families struggling to afford diapers, the passage of this bill would create critical new resources to keep our little ones happy and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Bauer".

Jeff Bauer, MPP
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