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To,
Rep. Mohamud Noor
Committee Chair

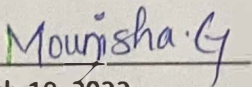
Subject: Letter of Support for HF4100 SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness)

I am a recipient of SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness) services since 2020. Their services for Domestic/Sexual Violence victims/survivors are based on humanitarian grounds that I have experienced myself. Year 2021 was the most difficult phase of my life when I was trying to save myself from my ex-husband. Without SEWA's staff assistance throughout these years, I would have been house-arrested, and probably beaten to death by now. Their assistance to find me an urgent shelter, transitioning housing, legal support and most importantly language assistance has been incredible. SEWA has been on top of their services to help and assist people like me in their worst times when our own families and friends do not stand with us in solidarity.

Their staff members are extremely compassionate and sensible to victims/survivors; they believe us and listen to our vulnerable narratives to support and assist us! The best part of SEWA's services is that they are culturally and linguistically appropriate to South Asians population. I can pour out my heart in my own native language i.e., Telugu. Their staff provide incredible and invaluable emotional support to people like me. Their Indian meals and grocery program, cultural events, Art therapy sessions, free mental health counselling, legal aids, referrals, and material help including clothes and household items -have been proved to be extraordinary resources for me to survive in Minnesota. I can't thank them enough to provide me a refuge, a new life, and a family support wherein my own family has disowned me in the name of their honor.

This organization is a huge support system for Domestic/Sexual violence victims/survivors coming from South Asian countries. I am in full support of SEWA-AIFW for their request of building a sustainable space. I hope that their request bill HF4100 will be supported by Minnesota entities at State and local levels.

Yours Sincerely,
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