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Dear Members of the Public Safety Finance and Policy:

NAMI Minnesota is supporting HF 818 to fund a violence prevention project. We have found that improved research and analysis around violence, particularly mass shootings, has moved the narrative away from blaming people with mental illnesses and focusing on the root causes and warning signs. It is only through thorough research that we will be able to correctly identify people who may be at risk for committing these crimes and effectively intervene.

We urge your support for HF 818.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Abderholden".

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