



Dear Chair Schultz and Committee Members,

As a statewide foster care agency, Nexus Kindred Family Healing urges you to support HF4217 and HR3815 as two measures that will support an effective foster care system in Minnesota. HF4217 supports the development of homes that will reflect the culture and communities of the youth in need, both through kinship care and the cultivation of homes in a wider range of Minnesota communities. Children in foster care deserve to have families who can surround them with the familiarity and comfort of their own culture during a time of emotional upheaval and this bill with support our efforts.

HF 3815 gives critical support to the Quality Parenting Initiative which has brought needed transformation to the foster care system in Minnesota since its inception in 2017. Bringing youth and family voices to the table for real impact has raised the standards statewide and has embedded best practices into our agencies. Providing support to sustain this initiative is an investment in the youth and families.

Thank you for your support on both these measures. Your investment and attention to these youth is greatly appreciated and is an investment in the future of their lives and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margaret Vimont'.

Margaret Vimont
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