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Re: HF3714

Dear Legislative Committee Members:

I am writing this letter of support for HF3714 because having reliable access to before and after school programming is critical for all children, and in particular for foster youth. Keeping Families Connected Minnesota provides direct legal services to relative caregivers across the state of Minnesota. We see with our clients the great need for school related supportive services for foster youth and other children in informal relative care homes.

As an organization that provides direct legal services to relative caregivers, we understand the need for supportive program to ensure that children can stay in programs that are familiar and they rely on and that caregivers can maintain their life and work schedules to be able to provide care for children in their homes.

We appreciate the many excellent efforts of Foster Advocates to advocate on behalf of foster youth in Minnesota and write today to offer our support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Joanna Woolman

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Keeping Families Connected Minnesota