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Dear Members of the House Education Finance Committee:

NAMI Minnesota strongly supports HF 795 which expands extended time revenue to additional students. Children and youth who are in residential treatment or in a day treatment or intensive outpatient program lose out on several hours of education due to a number of factors. This includes the time it takes to travel between programs and schools, the time a student is in treatment, and when the student's poor mental health interferes with their ability to focus on their education.

Ensuring that these students are able to access additional hours of education during the summer simply makes sense. They can make up for lost time, work to catch up with their classmates, and continue to make progress with their education.

We want all children to succeed and these students need some additional time in the classroom for that to happen. Please support HF795.

Sincerely,

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

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