

Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting

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Mister Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting (MCTHV) and our partners of nonprofit, local public health, and tribal health leaders across the state, I write in support of voluntary home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children. Home visiting services provide critical supports to families prenatally and through the first several years of life; helping parents attend to the development of their children while navigating and managing external stressors such as housing or food insecurity, abuse or chemical dependency. Family home visiting programs provide families with young children stabilizing support, positioning them with a strong start in life.

Home Visiting for Pregnant Women and Families with Youth Children, HF 1197, codifies language previously outlined in session law and provides important flexibility in the types of programs funded in communities across the State. These policy changes will allow communities to provide high quality evidence-informed programs or promising practices to families.

The MCTHV supports these ongoing investments in HF 1197 and are grateful for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at Laura@LaCroixDalluhnConsulting.com.

Regards,



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