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To the House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee:

As the CEO of Nexus Family Healing, a non-profit organization providing mental and behavioral community-based services for Minnesota communities, I want to thank you for your careful attention and review of HF-3215.

As you might be aware, the mental health needs of our communities are skyrocketing, and our ability to provide services has declined due to our inability to adequately pay for the workforce needed to meet the demand. Simply put, we need resources to hire the right workforce and we need increased rates to sustain the provision of our services.

Minnesota individuals and families need your HELP and support. I plead with this committee to support HR-3215 as one solution toward helping us providers meet our communities' mental and behavioral health needs.

Please help us be part of the solution to address community needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michelle Murray'.

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