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Korean Adoptees Ministry Center

한국입양인선교센터

KAM Center's mission is to help Korean Adoptees and families by providing social and cultural activities and by promoting spiritual growth by sharing the good news of wholeness, healing, renewal and hope in Jesus Christ.

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Representative Tina Liebling
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Rep. Liebling and Members of Health Finance and Policy Committee:

We are writing in strong support of HF 4099. I am the executive director at the Korean Adoptees Ministry Center(KAM Center) and we are recipients of the Community Solutions Grant Program.

According to the report from the Department of Human Services, more than 15,000 Korean children were placed with families in Minnesota from late 60's through early 90's. Now, these adoptees have grown and started their own families. KAM Center has been providing various services including mental health related services for this Korean adoptive community for the last twenty years. Through the twenty years of experience, KAM Center has recognized that the Korean adoptive community has strong desire to raise their own children without mental health issues. However we were not sure exactly how many people understand the importance of children's mental health, and we wanted to know what kind of services are needed for this community.

With the availability of CSF, KAM Center conducted a survey throughout the Korean adoptive community in 2021. The result of survey revealed that the pandemic has greatly impacted the mental health of the community, especially children. Through this survey, KAM Center is able to provide needed services for this community including various educational workshops related children's mental health.

The internationally and interracial adoptive community has been unseen even though they have higher mental health issues. The Community Solution Grant Program is the only grant that allows KAM Center to work for this community, and it is only the beginning. We believe that the continuation of the CSF will help KAM Center to provide necessary services for the Korean adoptive families and their children.

We support HF 4099 because it is designed to find solutions through each community-based organizations with their best understanding of the community.

Also we strongly support HF 4099 because it is the way of investing for the children who are the future of this society and our state.

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