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Health and Human Services Committee

Minnesota Senate Building

95 University Ave W.

St Paul, MN 55103

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of more than 1,000 members of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP), I am writing in support of the following provisions in HF2930, the Minnesota Department of Health budget bill:

* Adolescent Mental Health Grants
* Grants to new and existing school-based health centers
* Funding for the Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Families Program
* Investments into the Help Me Connect Program
* Expanded protections in Minnesota’s Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccine program
* The proposed Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews

The inclusion of these items reflects a prioritization of the health and wellbeing of our youngest Minnesotans. I ask that you support them.

Sincerely,



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