

Nick Stumo-Langer

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To: Nick Stumo-Langer
Subject: Letter of Support for HF1434

Dear Chair Rep. Peter Fischer & fellow Human Services Policy Committee Members,

I am writing to you as a parent of a child with disabilities asking that the committee please support bill HF1434 (Edelson) to eliminate Parental MA-TEFRA fees.

Our family income varies, so at times we qualify for regular Medicaid & other times we have TEFRA fees for our child. The process of the state trying to switch us back & forth is cumbersome for state employees & has once resulted in our child being in a "limbo" of not qualifying for either due to a \$50 gap - it took months of calls & listening to MA say TEFRA employees need to release our child & TEFRA employees saying they sent our child's file to MA.

In addition to the cumbersome system processes that are difficult for employees, county case managers & for our family, the TEFRA fees are overwhelming for our family. We often ration our food, we only have 1 car & literally do whatever we can to not have to drive due to costs. We continue to use MA-TEFRA in order for our child to be able to attend the physical, occupational & speech therapies needed that my husband's employer insurance capped at 60 hours of therapy a year (initially our child needed 20+ hrs of therapy per week which is 1,040 hours per year, plus orthotic leg braces which on employer insurance cost \$4000).

The TEFRA fee feels like a Disability penalty - when it is already so difficult to navigate & access resources for people with disabilities in this world. Please eliminate this penalty & support HF1434.

Thank you so much for taking my letter into consideration. Our family greatly appreciates your service to the State of Minnesota.

Kind regards,

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(she/her/hers)
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For transparency & disclosure I'm currently a
Committee member on:

MN Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

MN Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

DHS Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Edina Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

