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Chair Noor, Chair Schomacker, and Members of the Human Services Committee:

On behalf of ARRM, I am writing to express our support for the Delete Everything Amendment to HF 1767, which establishes a legislative study group to develop a transition plan to replace Integrated Community Supports (ICS) and pauses any changes to the service during the time the study group is developing its plan.

ICS is an important part of the spectrum of services offered to people on the disability waiver. The service meets a unique need of offering a more independent living setting, while still providing the care and support someone would receive in a provider-controlled setting.

While we acknowledge and understand that changes need to be considered in how the service is administered, ARRM does not support the Governor's recommendation of moving to a 15-minute, unit-based service. For many individuals with acute needs, it is the base rate model of the service that supports them with having their immediate needs met and, in many cases, helps individuals to remain living independently in their own apartment and not in a more congregate setting.

ARRM appreciates the thoughtful approach in the DE amendment to HF 1767, which allows community partners to work together to develop a service with high program integrity standards while still meeting the needs of individuals with low to complex needs.

ARRM would like to thank the author for their work on this legislation and is eager to continue partnering in the development and transition of the ICS service going forward.

Sincerely,
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