

February 28, 2023

Chair Fisher and House Human Services Policy Committee  
MN House of Representatives

Subject: Letter of Support for HF1434

Dear Chair Fisher and Policy Committee Members,

I am a constituent of district 11B and I am asking for your support for a bill that would eliminate parental fees for Medical Assistance for children with significant disabilities.

Our 13-year-old daughter Allison has cognitive and physical disabilities and medical complexities. Allie has had 10 brain surgeries, has an ileostomy and a gtube. She has many doctor appointments and frequent surgeries and hospital stays. My daughter has primary insurance with my husband's work and has secondary Medical Assistance by the Tefra program.

My husband and I both work multiple jobs to stay afloat. Each year our family and many other families in Minnesota are taxed with Tefra parental fees for having a child with a disability. The parental fee funds are sent to the general Minnesota fund.

The parental fee my family is required to pay is equivalent to a second car payment and has prohibited my family from being able to invest in our future. I am asking you to please support families in your area like mine by eliminating Tefra fees.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your help,

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