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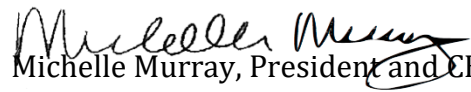
Chair Fischer and Members of the Human Services Policy Committee,

As the President and CEO of Nexus Family Healing, I urge the support and passage of HF1683 which partially addresses the needed changes in the rate setting for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) in Minnesota.

Nexus Family Healing is an organization that provides services across the continuum from high end residential care to statewide foster care and community-based prevention and treatment services. We are acutely aware of the need for a robust continuum of care that includes high end mental health treatment facilities. Without this, our youth are over-using hospitals and failing to re-integrate back into the community successfully.

Nexus Family Healing is hoping to be part of the solution by providing PRTF level care, but the insufficient rate setting process is a significant inhibitor. HF1683 takes important steps to creating a structure that allows agencies to meet the demand for PRTFs in Minnesota. Thank you for your support of this vital measure to invest in a robust mental health system needed by youth and families across the state.

Sincerely,


Michelle Murray, President and CEO
Nexus Family Healing