

Dear Chair Mohamud Noor and Members of House Human Services Finance Committee,

My name is Kayla Linkert, resident of Wright county (House District 29A and Senate District 29) and I am a mother of a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder by Minnesota Autism Center in April of 2020. We wanted to pursue the highly recommended 40 hours of ABA therapy with them but due to extensive wait lists we were unable to do so.

We have instead had to work with a For Profit ABA Center that has constant issues with scheduling causing my husband and I both to miss work which is creating a financial strain as well as creating a chaotic and inconsistent schedule for our son, which is anything but helpful to him making progress.

I beg you to please support SF1765 and HF1604 so that funding can be made available for families like ours to get our son the consistent therapies he needs to succeed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Linkert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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