

Dear Committee members,

My name is Elizabeth Marsh. I want to personally thank you for your hard work this year for Minnesota families particularly individuals with disabilities and families that have children with disabilities in Minnesota. My husband and I have two daughters that are 13 years old and 11 years old. Our oldest daughter Allison has a contagious smile, loves fishing and spending time with our dog Bear. Allie also has complex medical conditions and has needed multiple brain surgeries in her short life. Allie has primary health insurance with my husband's employer and utilizes medical assistance with the Tefra program for her secondary insurance.

Eliminating the Tefra parental fees is very important to our family and many other Minnesotan families. Please include the elimination of parental fees for TEFRA and Home and Community Based Service in your negotiations during the conference committee. Minnesota is a wonderful state to raise our children in. We need to bring an end to the harmful policy of taxing families of children with disabilities that was implemented under the Pawlenty administration.

Minnesota is a wonderful and inclusive state to raise our children in. Please include the elimination of Tefra parental fees in the Omnibus Bill.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Marsh and family

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