

Hello,

My name is Dr. Anna Bohlinger and I am a healthcare professional working with PrairieCare Residential Services in Maple Grove, MN. I am writing in support of HF725 / SF782 to provide extended time revenue to school districts to provide education through the summer for students in residential, mental health, or juvenile justice placements.

This is an important piece of legislation for the health, wellbeing, and future of youth and families in Minnesota. Youth in the facility I work with live all around the state and an educated population is a healthier one. The youth I serve in residential treatment are working hard at improving their lives and becoming healthier young people and citizens. This bill is important to me because of so many of the youth we serve are behind in school by the time they meet us; helping kids catch up in school is so important for helping them catch emotionally and socially when they get to go home to their real lives and communities again.

Thank you for positively considering this bill. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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