



March 2, 2021

Sen. Roger C. Chamberlain
Chair
Minnesota Education and Finance Policy Committee
3225 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Chamberlain:

The following written comments are in support of S.F. 1012, LiveMore ScreenLess's digital wellbeing grant appropriation. I am writing in my capacity as a nonprofit fundraising and grant writing consultant and Founder of Holistic Grant Services LLC. Holistic Grant Services is currently engaged in a grant planning and strategy assessment with LiveMore ScreenLess. The assessment process will identify new foundation, corporate, and government funding opportunities to support LiveMore ScreenLess's programming throughout Minnesota and outline next steps to solicit funding.

Government funding can be transformational for an emerging nonprofit organization like LiveMore ScreenLess. A grant appropriation from the State of Minnesota will lend credibility and add visibility to the important work that they have been doing for the last two years to support the mental health of Minnesota students. Along with fee for service and individual giving, foundation and corporate grant funding will be a key piece of LiveMore ScreenLess's fundraising and sustainability plan moving forward. Government funding often helps nonprofit organizations jump-start relationships with private individual, foundation, and corporate donors.

If state funding is received, I believe that LiveMore ScreenLess will be well positioned to expand their grant fundraising to sustain this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Schwitzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Schwitzer