

# COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Education Finance Committee Minnesota Senate  
1100 Minnesota Senate Building  
95 University Ave. W.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Kunesh and Members of the Education Finance Committee,

We are writing to express support to Senate File 8, Senator Kunesh's bill to increase funding for special education services.

Students with disabilities across our state benefit from special education in order to have the supports they need to participate in school along with their peers. Providing adequate and equitable special education funding is essential to ensure that all students—including students who have disabilities—have access to robust and inclusive school programming that supports their overall learning and development. We would like to see this increased funding for special education tied to improved outcomes for children with disabilities.

We are grateful to Senator Kunesh for taking up this important issue and urge you to advance this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support to Senate File 8. Please contact Natalia Madryga at [nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com](mailto:nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com) or 952-693-1329 with any questions.

## **Coalition for Children with Disabilities**

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