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Dear Colleagues in the Best Life Alliance,

The Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging (MNLCOA) is pleased to join the broad-based, nonpartisan coalition of organizations and individuals that comprise the Best Life Alliance. Specifically we support the current legislative proposal (SF 2310/HF 2706) and find that it will strengthen home and community-based services for older adults and family caregivers.

MNLCOA is a champion, thought leader and educator that advances positive systems change to create communities that support aging with dignity across the lifespan. We support the Best Life Alliance's proposal as an important component of overall systems level change to prepare for a growing older population. As the baby boom cohort ages into need for more services, collaborations such as this that work toward significant and innovative solutions must be undertaken.

We support the proposal's key provisions for person-centered services and recognize the importance of adequate compensation for professional direct care workers. MNLCOA is a proponent for quality improvement across the long-term services and support continuum.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Alliance and SF 2310/HF2706. Please contact Rajean Moone, Executive Director, MNLCOA at rajean@mnlcoa.org with questions or to further engage MNLCOA in this important work.

Sincerely,

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