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Dear Chair Schultz and Human Services and Finance Committee Members,

On behalf of Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. (TSA), I am writing to convey our support for and respectfully request the Committee pass **House File 3404** to support the expansion of Intensive Treatment in Foster Care (ITFC) to families whose child is not in foster care, and support funding to sustain federal SoC investments in CIBS, Hi-Fi Wrap and create a path for Medicaid payment for CIBS and Therapeutic Services Model.

HF3404

- Family-centered mental health models are deeply needed in this time – and increasingly into the future
- This is a critical time to establish clear plans to deepen and grow models that work
 - We see how ITFC has made a profound difference in the lives of children and families that we have served in the program to date. An integral part of the program is to sustain community placement for children and avoid higher levels of care; at TSA in the children served by this program we have been able to maintain their community, foster care placements with the high intensity level of services.
- HF3404 provides MN the opportunity to sustain and expand these effective family-centered community-based models – with the goal of statewide access for all children and families with this level of mental health need to be able to receive effective treatment and live their best lives

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc., asks the Committee to support the passing of HF3404. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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