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To: Members of the Education Finance Committee

From: Dr. Faith Miller

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Hello,

My name is Dr. Faith Miller and I am a resident of Woodbury MN, working at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Department of Educational Psychology. I am writing to voice my support of HF1742 relating to education finance and provisions to support student support personnel here in Minnesota. I am encouraged by the appropriation for student support personnel, specifically to support the workforce pipeline and to increase providers of color. Workforce development is critical to ensuring shortages are met, and in our current context, need far surpasses our capacity to provide preventative and responsive services to students. As a trainer of school psychologists in the state, I am hopeful that, if enacted, this bill will push our great state forward toward supporting positive youth development and providing systems with critically needed resources and staff.

If I can provide further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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