Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am here today to express my strong support for fully funding behavioral health services and human services through HB 1012. As someone who works in the treatment field and provides support services with case management, I have seen firsthand the critical importance of these services.

Every day, I work with individuals struggling with mental health issues, substance abuse, homelessness, and other challenges that require specialized support. Behavioral health services and human services provide a lifeline for these individuals, offering them the help and resources they need to survive and thrive.

Without these services, I have witnessed individuals fall through the cracks, struggling to access the care they desperately need. Fully funding these services is not just a moral imperative; it is also a sound investment in the health and well-being of our communities.

I urge you to prioritize the funding of behavioral health services and human services through HB 1012. These services are essential for ensuring that individuals receive the support they need to overcome challenges and live healthy, productive lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Chelsea Gagner District 32