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Senator Dave Nething, Chairman
Interim Judiciary Committee
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Chairman Nething,

re: 2305 § 1 Study the issue of juvenile court jurisdiction and the adult court transfer process and whether any additional juvenile court jurisdictional extensions would serve the best interests of the child and the public in cases in which the child is close to the age of majority

Due to a long standing commitment I will be out of the country on October 11 and will not be present for the interim Judiciary Committee meeting. I would, however, appreciate it if my letter was read into the minutes.

I have done considerable background research on the issue of blended juvenile sentencing and believe the issue referenced above would be worthy of giving a positive recommendation to the full legislative assembly. Also, the two state attorneys in my Legislative District: Sharon Kinsala of Walsh County and Peter Welte of Grand Forks County, have expressed support for the concept.

My apologies for my inability to attend.

Gary Paur
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