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Minnesota House of Representatives
Minnesota House Public Safety Committee
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RE: Written Testimony on Brown County's Truancy Intervention Program Impact of HF 2532

Dear Public Safety Committee and members of the House of Representatives:

I am writing on the consequences of HF 2532 and the impact on Brown County's Truancy Intervention Program. Brown County has received funding from the Minnesota Office of Justice programs for nearly six years to operate a one-of-a-kind Truancy Intervention program. This program was developed in 2019 and operated to ensure students attended school through the entire pandemic period. I was hired as a full-time agent to work with the students involved in this caseload. To date I have worked with approximately two hundred students in this six-year timeframe.

Public safety is serviced by this OJP grant as yearly evaluations of our program have proven that delinquency among juveniles is reduced by participation in our program. We believe this is due to the positive relationships that are developed between the students, myself and school staff while they are working with me. The Brown County Truancy Intervention Program also was the first to utilize the WARNS (Washington Area Risk Needs Assessment) to determine what areas of a student's life required the most focus from me and school staff. This assessment allows us to utilize interventions and assist students by removing barriers they experience when trying to attend school.

Eliminating this grant opportunity in the future would negatively impact the youth of Brown County and would put this program in jeopardy of discontinuing. The outcomes from this program show a reduction in delinquency and an increase in school attendance. This grant has allowed us to creatively use incentives to recognize students' progress through our program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Braulick'.

Andreas Braulick, Truancy Officer
Brown County Probation Department