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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of the SB 564. We continue to see the positive impacts that are being made by our regional health equity coalition, particularly as it pertains to those of our neighbors that have historically been disadvantaged or lacking access to the services and supports that exist for some in our communities.

Specifically, our coalition has elevated the voices and experiences of, and engaged in listening to, the grassroots members of our community. Giving us opportunities to create solutions and responses that are community driven and are more effective for our actual circumstances and resources.

All effective coalition work requires some level of investment in coordination and integration efforts when it comes to implementing effective strategies and staying informed about policy, organizational changes, and doing community engagement work. We believe this appropriation will aid in continuing to improve health equity for individuals and communities in our state.