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| **A-Team Minnesota is one of 21 state organizations within the national A-Team USA network.  A-Team MN was founded by families who have a member with significant intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD).****Honoring Choice - My Home, My Work, and My Life****Supporting Person-Centered Plans & Informed Choice** |

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| **My 11, 2023****Urgent! - Action Alert!****Important!****Contact Conference Committee Members Today!****Minnesota Human Services Omnibus Conference Committee** |

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| **SF2934 Conference Committee****Please Contact Conferees! Today - May 11****Email and/or Phone Call****Remind them the importance of your work option choice!****Ask them to support 14c work option choice.****Use the email contacts below.** * **Contact SF2934 Conference Committee Conferees, now. See contact information below.**
* **Ask them to accept the Senate language that ensures 14(c) special minimum wage as a work option choice.**
* **Ask them to honor the work option choice of your loved one - 14(c) center based special minimum wage.**
* **Briefly explain why center based special minimum wage is an important choice to your loved one. Include a photo if you can.**

**Send a single email To:****The Conferees** **cc: (copied) to the list of Legislative Assistants.** **Copy and paste these email addresses*** **To:** **sen.jhoffman@senate.mn****;** **sen.jim.abeler@senate.mn****;** **sen.omar.fateh@senate.mn****;** **rep.mohamud.noor@house.mn.gov****;** **rep.dave.baker@house.mn.gov****;** **rep.peter.fischer@house.mn.gov**
* **cc:** **david.zak@senate.mn****;** **christina.wilson@senate.mn****;** **chris.meyer@senate.mn****;** **sebastian.gonzalez-navarro@house.mn.gov****;** **emilie.boehm@house.mn.gov****;** **jared.margolis@house.mn.gov**

**Phone Numbers:** **Senator John Hoffman (651) 296-4154****Senator Jim Abeler (651) 296-3733****Senator Omar Fateh (651) 296-4261****Rep. Mohamad Noor (651) 296-4257****Rep. Dave Baker (651) 296-6206****Rep. Peter Fischer (651) 296-5363** |

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| **Background Information:** * **Both the Senate and House Human Services Omnibus bills SF2934/HF2847 include funding to increase compensation for DSPs (direct support professionals) who provide support to people with I/DD in homes, day programs and work options. While it is appreciated and the appropriated funding may positively affect the DSP workforce shortage, it is not a long term solution.**
* **Elimination of 14(c) center based special minimum wage is possible. ARC MN is engaged in an intense lobbying effort to convince legislators to vote to eliminate 14(c). ARC is engaging, through email blasts, people with disabilities, their families, and others, to contact House and Senate leaders asking them to support and vote to eliminate the Informed Choice of those who choose 14(c) work option.**
* **This ARC effort is evidence that it does not support nor honor Informed Choice Laws for ALL people with a disability. The ARC position is that it knows what is best for your loved one. Its position is that self-advocates, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents who support this choice are not trusted to know what is best for themselves or their loved one.**
* **The Senate bill has a provision that ensures special minimum wage as an informed choice.**
* **The House bill has a provision to eliminate special minimum wage choice.**
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| **Legislative Process Outlined*** ***Step 1*. Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives completed hearing bills in the committee of jurisdiction. This means the Human Service Committees completed committee work on omnibus bills that is a compilation of selected bills heard in committee. DONE**
* ***Step 2.* Omnibus bills reviewed by respective finance committees. House is Ways and Means Committee. Senate is Senate Finance Committee. DONE**
* ***Step 3.* House, full membership floor sessions, considers and votes on House Human Services Omnibus Bill. Senate, full membership floor session, considers and votes on Senate Human Services Omnibus Bill. Senate DONE**
* ***Step 4.* House and Senate both appoint members to conference committees to negotiate provisions between the two bills. Provisions that are the same in each bill are agreed to. Provisions that are different are considered negotiable. The goal is to reach agreement. The result may be elimination, inclusion or modification of provisions.**
* **Step 5. After the conference committee reaches a negotiated agreement SF2934 is referred to both the House and Senate for final approval.**
* **Step 6. Upon final approval the bill goes to the Governor for signature.**
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