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Dear Health and Human Services Committee,

Nebraska Cures has been a leading advocate for health science research for over 20 years. We support policies rooted in science and strive to advance the quality of life and economy for Nebraskans. In alliance with our mission, we strive to educate policymakers on medical research and health related public policy.

We are writing to express our support for LB 104, which seeks to create a standard of voluntary, evidence-based home visitation programs. Evidence-based home visitation programs support healthy families as well as healthy development for children.

There are many benefits to programs like the ones proposed in this bill. Children whose families participate in evidence-based home visitation programs tend to score higher on developmental assessments, such as the Bayley Scales of Infant Development (Karoly et al., 2005)<sup>1</sup>. These improvements include better language, motor, and social-emotional skills. They also help foster and support stronger parental and family attachment for the child. Strong attachment early in life is foundational for a child's emotional and mental well-being.

We at Nebraska Cures support evidence based programming that leads to healthier births and stronger attachment between parents and their kids. Home visiting helps kids succeed academically and socially.

We urge the legislature to consider the exponential benefits of LB 104 and to support this bill. Our commitment is to ensure that all children in Nebraska have the best start in life, which includes a standard of home visitation programs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda McGill Johnson".

Amanda McGill Johnson

Nebraska Cures Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> Karoly, L. A., et al. (2005). "Early Childhood Interventions: Proven Results, Future Promise." *RAND Corporation*.