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Re: Support for Health Care Workforce Investments in HF4706 – House HHS Omnibus Budget Bill

Dear House Health Policy and Finance Committee Members:

On behalf of the Metro Minnesota Council on Graduate Medical Education (“MMCGME”) we wanted to thank you for the health care workforce investments you have included in the Article 1, sections 18-22 of the Health and Human Services omnibus budget bill. MMCGME represents a coalition of Minnesota’s teaching hospitals and graduate medical education programs, including Hennepin Healthcare, HealthPartners, M Health Fairview, the University of Minnesota, the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, Allina Health System and Children’s Minnesota amongst other affiliated hospital members. Collectively, our members oversee 61 percent of the physician residency and advanced practice professional training in Minnesota. Our health care teaching programs have an incredible record of success in that 74 percent of those physicians and other providers that are trained in the state continue to practice in Minnesota once their training is complete.

Now more than ever, we need to ensure that our state continues to invest in the health care workforce of our future and provide and expand on the opportunities to train our state’s future physicians, advanced practice providers and health care professionals. The more than \$20 million dollar investment in physician and health care worker training opportunities proposed in HF4706, would mark one of the most significant investments the state has made in the future of our health care workforce.

We are particularly pleased to see the investments in expanding primary care rural track training, rural rotations for health professionals, and for increasing funding for clinical health training sites. Collectively, all of these investments will help to ensure that our health care training programs across the state can continue to meet the provide a national leading health care workforce, but also to provide new an innovate ways to expand training to areas of our state – both rural and urban -that continue to have unmet health care workforce needs.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues and the Minnesota Department of Health on these critical initiatives and other opportunities to invest in the future of health care in our communities.

Sincerely,

Metro Minnesota Council on Graduate Medical Education
Board of Directors

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