

CHW Alliance Website

Dear Chair Liebling, Vice Chair Huot, and the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance (the Alliance), thank you for your strong leadership and willingness to potentially support Community Health Workers (CHWs) with the funding allocated in HF 4706. We are thankful and excited to see CHWs in this legislation.

Funding support for the CHW role will strengthen, equip, evaluate, and grow the CHW workforce in Minnesota and nationally, leading to healthier communities. CHWs are uniquely positioned to improve health outcomes and health equity within our state. This funding will lead to increased healthcare access, lower healthcare costs and improved health outcomes for your constituents facing health inequities and barriers to care. CHWs are an integral part of the solution to a healthier Minnesota that we are all reaching for. For two decades, Minnesota has been a national leader in the education and use of CHW strategies. As the voice of Minnesota CHWs and allies, we stand ready to maintain this leadership.

We are thankful for this key recognition and hopeful for your support to move Minnesota's Community Health Worker role to the next level and help achieve equitable and optimal health outcomes for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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