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Rep. Joe Schomacker
Chair, House Aging and Long-Term Care Policy Committee
509 State Office Bldg.
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Jamie Gulley
President

Dear Chair Schomacker,

Jigme Ugen
Executive Vice President

On behalf of the members of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota, I write to encourage support for HF3, HF627, and HF614, especially those provisions that provide educational benefits to nursing home workers.

Lisa Weed
Executive Vice President

The healthcare field has always provided an important career ladder which helps individuals, especially women and people of color, to work their way into the middle class. SEIU has always worked to support and expand educational opportunities for healthcare workers. For example, we currently help fund and operate member training and education funds through our contracts with both Allina and HealthPartners. In addition, the tentative agreement currently being voted on by 27,000 SEIU homecare workers includes \$250,000 for a worker training fund.

Dianne Edwards
Executive Vice President

Liz Asmus
Executive Vice President

The three bills referenced above all expand educational opportunities for health care workers, in particular, nursing home workers. With these educational opportunities, workers can gain the skills to better serve their patients and to better provide for their families.

Sincerely yours,

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