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Honorable Matt Dean, Chair
House Health and Human Services Finance Committee
401 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Chair Dean and Committee Members:

HealthPartners wants every child to have a healthy start and bright future. Given the importance of prenatal care to that bright start, we strongly support HF: 3574. This legislation adds funding for prenatal care to the existing Minnesota health disparities grants administered through the Minnesota Department of Health.

Research shows that prenatal care access helps to reduce the risk of pregnancy complications, but also impacts the future health of the child. These grants will assist in addressing the disparate access to care for mothers and babies in Minnesota so that they can have a healthy beginning.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Zimmerman".

Donna Zimmerman, Senior Vice President
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