March 11, 2022

Representative Mohamud Noor,

Committee Chair Workforce and Business Development

Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Representative Noor:

The leadership of Open Door Health Center is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Governor’s Committee on the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers.

The issues addressed by the AWWC committee: Communication, housing, workplace safety, and fair labor practices can be barriers health equity for agricultural and food processing workers. The Committee for the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers provides a formal and ongoing way to bring together diverse stakeholders to address health and safety issues for these essential workers.

As a federally qualified health center, Open Door provides access to integrated patient-centered care for thousands of underserved individuals and families in Southern MN. Many of our patients, including agricultural and food processing workers have significant social determinants of health that form barriers to quality health care. The collaborative efforts and diverse sectors represented on the committee address many of these barriers and have created a forum for the diverse resources serving these communities to work together.

Open Door Health Center is happy to pledge our support and our collaboration with this committee to bring greater health, well-being, and stability to this underserved population.

As CEO, on behalf of Open Door Health Center, I fully support the development of AWWC committee and the recommendations brought forward from the committee to bring greater health and prosperity to Southern MN.

Sincerely,



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