



February 16, 2021

Representative Ruth Richardson  
Chair, House Education Policy Committee  
403 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: Support of H.F. 469 (Moller)**

Chair Richardson and Esteemed Committee Members,

On behalf of the Medical Alley Association and its more than 600 members that make up Minnesota's health innovation and care industry, we thank the committee for the opportunity to voice our support for House File 469. We support better equipping schools – teachers, staff, and students alike – to respond appropriately to seizures occurring on school grounds.

This legislation fills a critical care gap. While many schools have a standard seizure response, individuals experience seizures differently and require an individualized approach in order for care to be effective. Under this bill, schools will be required to have individualized action plans for every student with epilepsy or who are prone to seizures. These plans will be created in tandem with the student's parents and ensures at least one school employee is knowledgeable about the plan and can administer care and medication appropriately while the student is on campus. This increased transparency and preparedness more effectively guards against potential health and safety complications.

The Medical Alley Association applauds Representative Moller's efforts, as well as the efforts of our Medical Alley Association member, The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, to increase awareness of epilepsy within the educational system and making schools a safer environment for all students and teachers.

Sincerely,

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