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Representative Dean, Chair  
Health and Human Services Finance Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Representative Dean and Committee Members,

With 20,000 members, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is the largest voice for professional nursing in the State of Minnesota. We are a leader in both the labor and health care communities and a voice for our members on issues relating to the professional, economic and general well-being of nurses and in promoting the health and well-being of the public. We write to express our support for HF 264, in particular for the deficiency funding for the Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH).

MNA represents registered nurses who perform vital work at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter. These registered nurses are responsible for admissions and discharge work, instruction about the permissible use of appropriate interventions, in some cases authorization of the permissible use of interventions, writing of abuse prevention plans, and overseeing critical assessments and medication. In short, without these registered nurses, the Minnesota Security Hospital would not be able to meet the conditions of the conditional licensure.

MNA feels that without this deficiency funding, the safety of patients and staff at MSH will be put in jeopardy. We urge you to support this bill so that registered nurses can continue to perform these important functions.

Sincerely,

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