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Dear Chair Liebling and Committee Members,

The Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) supports HF1814 regarding the dental home pilot project, introduced by Representative Liz Reyer. In the last few years, the MDA has participated in the Dental Home Advisory Committee under the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The report published by the committee, defined the core components of a dental home, and provided recommendations for a Dental Home Pilot Project, as outlined in HF1814.

The MDA supports the creation of the Dental Home Pilot Project as a potential method for improving oral health outcomes. The MDA has advocated for the inclusion of all provider types and is glad to see such guidance included in the bill. With locations in every community, private practice dentists are an important component in expanding dental access across the state.

The MDA respectfully requests that members support the Dental Home Pilot Project outlined in HF1814, with the inclusion of all practice types.

Should you have any questions, please contact the MDA's Government Affairs Manager Dan Murphy at dmurphy@mndental.org or 612-767-4255.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

The Minnesota Dental Association is a statewide professional membership organization representing Minnesota-licensed dentists and dental students, with a membership of over 3,000 dentists.