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Rep. Zach Stephenson  
Chair – Commerce Committee  
509 State Office Building  
Sr. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Stephenson,

On behalf of the Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas, I am writing to you in support of HF 626 which would allow for unrestricted access to diagnosis and treatment for those living with a rare disease.

As you may know hemophilia is a rare and life-threatening disease, especially if not properly treated. With approximately 20,000 people in the United States living with hemophilia, our patient/families are a small community facing big challenges with regard to bleeding disorders and maintaining proper treatment.

We know how important early diagnosis is for our population, and for so many rare disease populations in Minnesota. We believe HF 626 will help to eliminate barriers to diagnosis and treatment that so many in the rare disease community currently face.

We urge you and your fellow Commerce Committee members to support and pass this bill. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Paist".

James Paist  
Executive Director

