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Chairwoman Jennifer Schultz
Health Services Finance and Policy Committee
477 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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Dear Chairwoman Schultz and members of the committee,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 family physician members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians strongly supports HF 1026, a bill to amend mandatory reporting requirements for pregnant women who may be using controlled substances.

Pregnant people suffering with substance use disorder or misusing controlled substances are best served by access to prenatal health care and that access should not be hindered by the fear of being reported by their health care provider. The use of illegal or prescription drugs can have serious health implications for both the pregnant person and fetus. Eliminating the mandatory requirement has the potential to improve the frequency of their prenatal visits.

Please support HF 1026 and eliminate one of the barriers for this vulnerable population to receive the health care they require.

Sincerely,

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President