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Representative Jennifer Schultz
Chair, House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota State House
473 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Schultz and Members of the House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Budget Project supports House File 4273, which would make important improvements to Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities, or MA-EPD, which has helped Minnesotans with disabilities to work and live independently for over 20 years. House File 4273 would strengthen MA-EPD by making it more affordable and accessible, and removing barriers to folks getting the health care they need. Minnesota has a strong history of investing in health care, healthy communities, and the well-being of Minnesotans, and House File 4273 would build on that legacy.

House File 4273 would improve MA-EPD by:

- **increasing the asset limit and adjusting it for inflation**, allowing folks to save for a home, cover health care needs, and save for emergencies.
- **reducing premiums and accounting for other insurance payments**, making it more affordable for folks to get the health care they need.
- **changing what happens when folks can't make payments on time**, ensuring that they don't lose coverage right away when they are most vulnerable.

MA-EPD strengthens the workforce in Minnesota by ensuring folks with disabilities can get the supports and health care services they need, including those that aren't covered by other types of insurance. Given our state's workforce shortages in many sectors and parts of the state, **Minnesota can't afford to let any of the 10,857 people who get health care through MA-EPD be sidelined** because they had to choose between working and being able to afford health care.

Please support House File 4273. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at 651-757-3065 or rodonnell@mnbudgetproject.org.

Sincerely,

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