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Dear Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) urges your support of HF 91. The MAFP represents more than 3,100 family physician and medical students in the state. Family docs are on the front lines of health care, taking care of patients' reproductive and other health care needs. HF 91 will protect our patients' rights and access to essential reproductive health care and ensure Minnesotans have the right to make medical decisions for themselves in consultation with their health care providers.

HF 91 addresses a number of provisions that can potentially impact access to abortion care including informed consent waiting periods for abortions; criminal penalties for providers who perform induced abortions without first disclosing anesthetic or analgesic options to alleviate pain of the fetus; burdensome data reporting requirements; and mandatory parental notification.

The MAFP supports our patients' rights to make the medical decisions that are best for them and supports access to all evidence-based treatments and medications, including abortion care. Please support HF91 to ensure access to reproductive health care in our state.

Sincerely,

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