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RE: Support for HF3546

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To Chair Laurie Pryor and members of the Education Policy Committee:

Gender Justice is the organizational home of UnRestrict Minnesota, an expansive, diverse, and inclusive coalition for reproductive rights, health, and justice. UnRestrict Minnesota is a multi-racial coalition of more than 30 health care clinics, abortion funds, practical support groups, LGBTQ advocacy groups, faith communities, organizers, lawyers, doulas, and many more.

We are writing in support of HF3546 (Rep. Berg) to ensure that Minnestoans have access to the information they need to make decisions that protect their health and wellbeing throughout their lifespan. Basing education about sexually transmitted infections and diseases on scientifically and medically accurate language ensures that the information will be current and accurate. Removing the harmful and ineffective emphasis on abstinence without providing education about STIs is harmful and ineffective. Too many young people fail to receive the health information, education, and access to the care they need to live healthy lives. A holistic approach to health education is essential to preventing harm and creating safer and thriving communities across Minnesota.

As a coalition of organizations working to ensure that people of all genders have a meaningful right to bodily autonomy, safety, health, and opportunity, we support establishing health standards that provide youth with the information they need to live healthy lives.

The UnRestrict Minnesota coalition with Gender Justice respectfully requests your support for [HF3546](#) (Rep. Berg). Thank you for your leadership!

Thank you for your support,
Megan Peterson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Executive Director, Gender Justice