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House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee  
Sent via email: John.Hultquist@house.mn.gov

Dear Chairs and Members:

We are deeply concerned about HF 4282 and urge you to vote against it.

The Larry R. Hill Medical Reform Act was passed by this legislature in 2025 to ensure people in jails receive the life-saving medications prescribed by their community provider before they entered the jail. The act was named for Larry R. Hill, a 36-year-old man who died in Hennepin County Jail after being denied his prescribed medication.

There are approximately 14 deaths a year in Minnesota jails.<sup>i</sup> Others are hospitalized with serious complications after being denied essential drugs such as insulin, HIV treatments, heart medicines and mental health medications. The Larry R. Hill Medical Reform Act provides for continuity of care to address these issues.

The Minnesota Department of Corrections has issued a memorandum outlining procedures for jail medical providers to verify prescriptions. These procedures strike a reasonable balance between the need for coordination with community providers and the occasional difficulties reaching prescribing caregivers. There should be one standard for ensuring individuals in jails get their medications. HF 4282 would allow medical providers at each jail to make up their own procedure, defeating the purpose of standardizing the healthcare available to inmates.

HF 4282 literally GUTS the protections of the Larry R. Hill Act by allowing jail medical providers to ignore the treatment plans of community providers and deny people their essential medications without oversight.

Please vote NO on HF 4282.

Sincerely,

*s/Michelle F. Gross*

Michelle Gross  
Chair

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<sup>i</sup> Based on data from the Minnesota Department of Corrections