Representative Tina Liebling March 20, 2023

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Dear Chair Liebling,

We are reaching in gratitude for your authorship of HF2930 and with it, the support for the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative via the ‘Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Families Act”. This letter serves to emphasize the importance of the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative (MNPQC) in advancing work to improve birthing outcomes in Minnesota. The MNPQC is a non-profit organization that serves as a network of organizations, medical providers, content experts, and patient and community voices. Through this work, we seek to improve perinatal and infant health outcomes with an emphasis on improving health equity. MNPQC advances quality by providing a collaborative platform for implementing evidence-based best practices and improvement monitoring through data collection with the support of expert faculty.

Statewide initiatives since inception in 2019 include:

* Preterm birth prevention
* Obstetric hypertension
* Perinatal substance use disorder
* Timely diagnosis for impaired early hearing detection in newborns

Additional benefits of the MNPQC include:

* Leadership for in the maternal patient safety and quality improvement program, Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)
* Our initiatives also satisfy new the Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) guidelines for hospitals to collaborate with state perinatal quality collaboratives

We have been humbled by the dedicated engagement of the initiative participants and faculty members in their willingness to collaborate and partner in optimizing perinatal outcomes. This work is crucial as ever as state and national trends for pregnancy-related death are on the rise. Thank you for your leadership to advance perinatal outcomes, and please reach out to us anytime if we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

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