



March 1, 2022
House File 3717 - Reinsurance
Commerce Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Committee Members,

The Minnesota Business Partnership is a membership organization of business leaders from across the state, employing more than half a million workers in Minnesota. Affordable health insurance and access to health care is highly important to our members.

We strongly support the renewal of the Minnesota Premium Security Plan, also known as “Reinsurance.”

The Premium Security Plan has proven to be successful at stabilizing the individual market in Minnesota and lowering health insurance premiums by 20% for those purchasing plans on the open market. Last session, the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce testified that eliminating this program would lead to 25% premium spikes in the individual market.

Before the establishment of reinsurance, the individual market in Minnesota was experiencing untenable premium increases and facing collapse. Many parts of the state were facing the loss of health insurance options – putting health care for many Minnesotans at risk.

Minnesota’s nation-leading reinsurance program has been modeled by at least a dozen other states across the country. This program is essential to maintaining stability in the health care marketplace by continuing to ensure health insurance options for those in the individual market. Reinsurance has helped to avoid additional cost shifting in our health care system and has helped ensure health care availability in all parts of the state, especially in Greater Minnesota.

In closing, I urge you to renew the reinsurance program, which has been proven very successful at controlling health insurance costs for Minnesota families. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan Dwight'.

Dan Dwight
Health Policy Director
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