

**MNCOGI\* support for Amendment HXXXA02  
To HF XXX**

**House Judiciary Finance  
and Civil Law Committee  
February 15, 2022**

**Written Testimony of Matt Ehling  
MNCOGI Board Member**

Dear Rep. Frazier and Members of the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI) supports the addition of language found in the amendment numbered HXXXA02 to subdivision 6 of the bill currently numbered HF XXX.

The amendment language would modify the data classification found in that section to ensure that the name of any applicant for (or recipient of) “frontline worker” payments (as well as the amount of any such payments) would be “public” data.

The change would be consistent with other sections of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13 (see Minn. Stat § 13.591 and Minn. Stat § 13.462 for representative examples), which classify the names of persons receiving payments from the government, as well as the payment amounts, as public information.

MNCOGI believes that this change would provide conceptual continuity throughout Chapter 13, such that the citizens of Minnesota would continue to understand how tax monies are utilized and expended by government entities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Matt Ehling  
MNCOGI board member

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