

March 13, 2023

Chair Tina Liebling and Committee Members
Minnesota Health Finance and Policy Committee
477 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for HF2736

Chair Liebling and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HF2736 and would ask for your support in passing this very important legislation that seeks to modernize regulations regarding the provision of Emergency Medical Services to allow communities to adjust based on evolving needs.

Current law, enacted in the 1980's, grants ambulance providers permanent service territories without any direct accountability to the local government units within those areas. This bill allows for the modification of existing service areas to correspond with local government unit lines, giving them decision-making authority regarding ambulance service providers and an ability to set performance standards for the license renewal process.

Burnsville, like several other cities, has multiple ambulance services that are authorized to operate within its boundaries. The first priority for the provision of EMS within the City's geographic borders continues to be the City's Fire/EMS Department resources. The City supports ensuring that Burnsville maintains the ability to determine who provides EMS within the city and further defining and streamlining of EMS regulation within the State, including data collection.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill. We believe local elected officials are in the best position to ensure a community has an EMS system that meets the needs of its constituents. This legislation ensures there is transparency and accountability of the ambulance services. Please reach out to me with any questions at Elizabeth.Kautz@burnsvillemn.gov or call me at 952.895.4490.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor

Cc: Burnsville City Council
Gregg Lindberg, City Manager