



Committee on Ways and Means
Minnesota House of Representatives
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House File 402

Dear Committee Members,

The Minnesota Business Partnership is a membership organization consisting of business leaders from Minnesota's largest employers, employing almost half a million workers across the state. Minnesota ranks near the top in the nation for health care coverage, and we are grateful to our many world-class health care providers. Health care availability, access, and equity are incredibly important to our members, and I want to express some of our concerns regarding House File 402.

It is vital for healthcare entities in our state to be able to operate with the flexibility they need to ensure quality access and care is provided without the disruption of the increased oversight guidelines outlined in HF 402. The current oversight and review process we have in place in Minnesota ensures that health entities can make the organizational transactions needed to operate and increase access to the thoughtful care that they provide to patients.

Minnesota is experiencing health care workforce shortages, and allowing providers and health care entities to have the balance and flexibility they need to make decisions to best serve their patients and communities should be the ultimate goal as you work on this legislation.

We believe it is of extreme importance that the committee recognizes that there are circumstances where over-regulation of health care oversight can impact patient care, and we must realize that the sustainability of our health care workforce and our health providers will be impacted by the added oversight outlined in HF 402.

Sincerely,

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