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Chairman Mike Freiberg Preventative Health Policy Division 477 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman Freiberg and members of the committee,

On behalf of its more than 3,100 family physician members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians strongly supports patient access to all FDA approved contraception at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient and encourages committee members to support HF 520.

Family physicians strive to provide quality care for our patients at all the stages of their lives. Access to preventative care, including contraception, is critical to that effort. Nearly nine in ten women will utilize contraception in their lifetimes. All people deserve access to contraception in order to make their own informed family-planning decisions, in counsel with their physician or health care provider. Please support HF 520 to maintain this important access for our patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

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