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Dear Chair and Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

We care for each other in Minnesota. We believe every person has inherent worth and dignity without exception. We know that our economy, families, and local communities are stronger when we all have access to truly affordable, high-quality healthcare for every Minnesotan.

**That's why we're writing to express our strong support for HF 11, a bill to allow more Minnesotans to buy-in to MinnesotaCare.**

MinnesotaCare is affordable and high-quality healthcare that we build together through state, federal, and enrollee contributions. This bill:

- keeps current MinnesotaCare intact and **closes coverage gaps** for middle-income Minnesotans struggling to afford high deductible plans on the individual market, undocumented Minnesotans currently cut out Minnesota Health Care Programs, and small businesses who want to contribute to coverage their employees can afford to use.
- **offers temporary subsidies** for individual insurance and a small business health care tax credit to help Minnesotans access affordable healthcare now, while the buy-in is being implemented.
- **creates a path toward alternative care delivery systems** that will work with providers to improve health outcomes, health equity, and access while maintaining affordability for the state and enrollees.

**We believe that health care should be publicly funded, include everyone, and not be dependent on employment.** A vast majority of Minnesotans agree, with 91 percent saying that they believe the government should expand insurance options so that everyone can afford quality care (Healthcare Value Hub Survey, Nov. 2020).

**We urge you to support truly affordable, high-quality healthcare for every Minnesotan. Please vote to support the expansion of MinnesotaCare through HF 11.**

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

Children's Defense Fund Minnesota

Education Minnesota

Faith in Minnesota

Health Access MN

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration

ISAIAH

Land Stewardship Project

Legal Services Advocacy Project

Main Street Alliance of Minnesota

Minnesota AFL-CIO

Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs  
(MCLA)

Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity  
(MDHEQ)

Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Immigrant Health Alliance

Minnesota Public Health Association

Minnesota Recovery Connection

National Association of Social Workers,  
MN Chapter

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