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Chairperson, MN House Health Policy and Finance Committee Representative Tina Liebling <u>rep.tina.liebling@house.mn</u>

## Dear Representative Liebling,

We know that you have worked hard to protect our communities and residents from the effects of the COVID-19 statewide, and appreciate the measures put in place thus far. However, <u>recent MDH data</u> from the Minnesota Department of Health acknowledge the disparities in vaccine access across the state.

That's why we **strongly urge you and members of the House Health Policy and Finance Committee to pass HF 2113,** which creates infrastructure, increases COVID education/vaccine access communication strategies to diverse communities, and authorizes mobile outreach systems to better reach diverse Minnesotans to administer the COVID vaccine. Every day the need for these new strategies increases as the state tries to vaccinate all eligible Minnesotans with the COVID vaccine. Misinformation about the vaccine must be corrected and that must be done in diverse languages by trusted community members

Thank you for including HF2113 on your hearing agenda today and we strongly urge passage of this bill to protect ALL Minnesotans from COVID.

Sincerely yours,

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