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Re: Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL) Support of Equal Rights Amendment (HF 501)

Dear Representatives Jim Nash and Ginny Klevorn,

Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL) is a legacy affinity group dedicated to address legal issues affecting the black community in Minnesota. Our members are Black attorneys who serve the people of Minnesota every day in civil and criminal matters. Among our members are civil rights attorneys, public servants and others who represent Minnesotans across all identities and experiences. Moreover, our membership is composed of attorneys representing diverse identities invested in combatting discrimination in all forms.

We are writing in support of passage of House Bill HF 501 because we believe that the protections guaranteed by our Constitution and our laws should apply to everyone. This bill puts the question in the hands of Minnesotans to vote on a ballot initiative that would write this value into our state Constitution. The proposed amendment would offer clear and strong protections against discrimination for all Minnesotans.

We urge the passage of HF 501.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lindsey

MABL, President

On behalf of the MABL Board of Directors

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