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Sent via email to: Ellen.McDaniel@house.mn.gov

RE: HF 264 – Larry R. Hill Medical Reform Act

Dear Members:

I am writing to express my support of HF 264, the Larry R. Hill Medical Reform Act.

In my practice as a civil rights attorney, I regularly receive calls from individuals in jails across the state who are not receiving the medications they were taking prior to being arrested. These include heart medications, anti-seizure drugs, HIV medications, mental health medications and even insulin. In some cases, people are being switched to lower-cost, less effective medications. In other cases, people are simply not given their medications at all.

The consequences of failure to provide people with their prescribed medications are significant and, in some cases, tragic. Our office has worked with the families of people who have been permanently harmed or have died as a result of the failure of the jail to provide essential medications. These harms are simply unnecessary.

I urge the passage of HF 264, which will help to ensure people get the care they need in jails across the state.

Sincerely,

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