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Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the House Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, I am writing to express our support for the Community Health Worker (CHW) line item in the Governor's Supplemental Budget to educate, strengthen, equip, evaluate, and grow the CHW Workforce.

NorthPoint is a community-based multiservice agency serving the culturally and ethnically diverse North Minneapolis community and the nearby northern suburbs. NorthPoint's vision is to set a standard of excellence in providing culturally responsive, integrated, holistic primary health and social services that strengthen our community and the lives of the people we serve.

CHW's are important to our work at NorthPoint because they offer culturally specific education and resources to our community. CHW's are the health equity workforce and provide the link to coverage and care and are an investment in those communities. Their work is trauma-informed, and they are uniquely positioned to improve health outcomes and health equity within our state.

This funding will lead to increased healthcare access, lower healthcare costs and improved health outcomes for your constituents facing health inequities and barriers to care.

NorthPoint respectfully urges you to support the funding for CHW's in the Governor's Budget.

Sincerely,

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CEO, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.