



March 28, 2023

Dear Chair Lieblich and members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

Thank you for your leadership this session as you worked to address Minnesota's health needs. We are grateful to see several of the bills Gillette Children's supports in HF 2930 – DE1.

Gillette Children's has been delivering cutting-edge treatments, better outcomes and more joyful lives for children with disabilities and complex medical conditions for over 125 years. We provide care for more than 26,000 patients every year from every county in Minnesota at our 60-bed hospital, and at our clinics throughout the state, including Burnsville, Maple Grove, St. Paul, Baxter, Bemidji, Duluth, Willmar and Mankato. We could not do this work without the support of our community, including the Minnesota Legislature.

Thank you for including:

- Expansion of the membership of the DHS Drug Formulary Committee to increase specialty expertise and consumer representation.
- Investments in Information Technology which will improve the experience for Minnesota Health Care Programs enrollees.
- Medical Assistance coverage for seizure detection devices.
- Medical Assistance 12-month continuous eligibility for children under 21, and continuous eligibility for children birth through age 6.
- Funding for the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

We respectfully ask that you please consider including:

- Unrestricted Access to Services for the Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Treatment of Rare Diseases (HF 384).
- Funding the Rare Disease Advisory Council at the fully requested amount as included in the Governor's budget recommendations and in HF 988.
- Additions to the DHS Drug Formulary Committee provisions to provide a 30-day notice to the public of the drug, drug class, and prior authorization requirements that will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting, as well as an accurate archive of previous versions of the preferred drug list that is available to the public (HF 1159). We also ask that you please consider including language that was amended on to the Senate companion of HF 1159 to allow access to needed liquid medications

Thank you for all of your hard work this session and for your support of the patients and families we serve! Please reach out to Marnie Falk, Gillette's Director of Public Policy, with any questions at marniefalk@gillettechildrens.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Joers", written in a cursive style.

Barbara Joers
President and CEO