

March 7, 2022

Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Minnesota House 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF3972 Nondiscrimination and equity required in access to organ transplants

Dear Chair Becker-Finn and members of the committee:

We are writing in support of HF3972, a bill which enforces nondiscrimination and equity in access to organ transplants. Organ transplants are life-saving in circumstances where no other treatment exists. In the case of kidney transplants, compared with dialysis, transplantation results in longer survival and superior quality of life. As health care providers dedicated to reducing and eliminating inequities in access to health care and in health outcomes, we fully support this legislation that addresses a long-standing problem of inequitable access to transplantation services by marginalized populations. Organ transplantation should not be restricted because of race or ethnicity.

Sincerely,

Mark Paller, MD on behalf of Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity