

March 1, 2022

Dear Chair Stephenson and Members of the Committee,

We care for each other in Minnesota. We believe every person has inherent worth and dignity without exception. We know that our economy, families, and local communities are stronger when we all have access to truly affordable, high-quality healthcare for every Minnesotan.

**That's why we're writing to express our strong support for HF 11, a bill to allow more Minnesotans to buy-in to MinnesotaCare.**

MinnesotaCare is affordable and high-quality healthcare that we build together through state, federal, and enrollee contributions. This bill:

- keeps current MinnesotaCare intact and **closes coverage gaps** for middle-income Minnesotans struggling to afford high deductible plans on the individual market, undocumented Minnesotans currently cut out Minnesota Health Care Programs, and small businesses who want to contribute to coverage their employees can afford to use.
- **offers temporary subsidies** for individual insurance and a small business health care tax credit to help Minnesotans access affordable healthcare now, while the buy-in is being implemented.
- **creates a path toward alternative care delivery systems** that will work with providers to improve health outcomes, health equity, and access while maintaining affordability for the state and enrollees.

**We believe that health care should be publicly funded, include everyone, and not be dependent on employment.** A vast majority of Minnesotans agree, with 91 percent saying that they believe the government should expand insurance options so that everyone can afford quality care (Healthcare Value Hub Survey, Nov. 2020).

**We urge you to support truly affordable, high-quality healthcare for every Minnesotan. Please vote to support the expansion of MinnesotaCare through HF 11.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Children's Defense Fund Minnesota

Education Minnesota  
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Health Access MN  
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
Interfaith Coalition on Immigration  
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Land Stewardship Project  
Legal Services Advocacy Project  
Main Street Alliance of Minnesota  
Minnesota AFL-CIO  
Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs (MCLA)  
Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity (MDHEQ)  
Minnesota Farmers Union  
Minnesota Immigrant Health Alliance  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Minnesota Recovery Connection  
National Association of Social Workers, MN Chapter  
Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD Action Fund  
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota  
SEIU MN State Council  
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