

Representative Ecklund,

My name is Ryan Bille, I am a registered nurse and Doctor of Nursing Practice student from Rochester, MN. I am contacting your office today because you are the chair for the Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy committee, which is discussing House File number 41. I have already contacted my representative, Tina Liebling, to let her know that I support this bill.

If made law, this bill will not affect me directly, as the Families First Coronavirus Response Act should apply to my employer; however, I feel that it is vital that all healthcare workers be able to take time off of work if they contract COVID-19, or need to care for a loved one who is ill with COVID-19. This past year has been very challenging for everyone, but especially frontline healthcare workers. This bill would provide all healthcare workers who contract COVID-19 with the security to stay home and not spread COVID-19 to their patients or coworkers. I hope your committee endorses this bill and presents it for a vote in the house of representatives.

Thank you, sincerely,

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