



April 6, 2021

Representative Jennifer Schultz
Minnesota House of Representatives
473 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF 2127 Human Services Omnibus bill

Dear Representative Schultz,

Thank you for all of your work this session to help Minnesotans recover from Covid-19 and make lasting changes to our state budget that will benefit our state. Nearly half of the population we serve in Hennepin Healthcare access Medicaid for their health care, so investments you make in Minnesotans who use Medicaid will directly and indirectly impact our system, patients and our communities. We want to express our gratitude for a number of provisions included in HF 2127:

- HF 1026 (Morrison)– Modifications to mandatory reporting of pregnant women with substance use disorder will change the punitive laws regarding mandatory reporting of pregnant women with substance use disorder will allow mothers to seek treatment and continue prenatal care.
- HF 970 (Vang) – Investments in our Mental Health workforce and ensuring services are culturally responsive is critical to our system and our ability to provide the services to those who need are.
- HF 722 (Thompson) – Culturally responsive substance use disorder treatment will be a key component of addressing the health disparities we see in our Addiction Medicine services.
- HF 287 (Edelson) – Many of our patients live in sober homes while receiving treatment, increased clarity is needed about what is provided through these homes and how they function to support the patient as it relates to staff training, privacy, optional or mandatory counseling, and how legal interactions affect their stay there.

We are incredibly grateful to you and your Committee for taking a thoughtful approach to Minnesota's budget and the impact on Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer DeCubellis".

Jennifer DeCubellis
Chief Executive Officer
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