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Rep. Tina Liebling
567 State Office Building
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep. Liebling,

As leadership of the Minnesota Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), we are writing in support of HF91 and thank you for authoring this important legislation.

As the leading medical organization dedicated to the health of individuals in need of gynecologic and obstetric care, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) supports the availability of high-quality reproductive health services, including abortion and opposes any effort that impedes access to abortion care and interferes in the relationship between a person and their healthcare professional.

All patients should have access to the full spectrum of comprehensive, evidence-based health care options that meet their needs. In recent years, states throughout the country, including Minnesota, have restricted access to abortion with unproven or untested scientific theories that are misrepresented as facts. These barriers such as the mandatory 24-hour wait period unnecessarily burden patients, especially those in outstate communities who need to travel long distances for care, or for those who have inflexibility with their work and life schedules.

All women should have access to scientifically based health care. Prohibitions on this care that are based on religious or other non-scientific grounds can jeopardize women's health and safety. We thank you for authoring the House File 91.

Sincerely,

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