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House Health Finance and Policy  
Minnesota State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Backer and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is a grassroots union representing more than 22,000 registered nurses who work primarily doing direct patient care in hospitals across Minnesota. We are a leader in nursing, labor, health care, and social justice communities and a voice for nurses and patients on issues relating to the professional, economic, and general health and well-being of Minnesotans statewide. We are writing today to strongly oppose HF 10, a bill that eliminates crucial health care for immigrants without status.

The cornerstone of nursing practice is to care for patients in their greatest time of need, regardless of immigration or economic status. There are roughly 81,000 undocumented immigrants in Minnesota, with their top regions of birth being Mexico and Central America, Asia, and Africa. Approximately 48,000 have made Minnesota their home for the last 10-20 years. They are our neighbors, work in our communities, contribute to our economy spending their hard-earned taxed dollars in Minnesota stores, and pay for the same services all Minnesotans do every day. Taking away affordable healthcare creates a barrier to medical care and creates a public health crisis for 81,000 human beings in Minnesota. Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and denying 81,000 immigrants' access to healthcare would contribute to healthcare disparities of underserved populations. Pregnant immigrants would not receive essential prenatal care to ensure the health of the mother and neonate, and undocumented immigrant children would not receive primary preventative healthcare. Furthermore, passing HF 10 would then funnel 81,000 Minnesotans to the emergency departments or force them to make a choice to not receive any medical care, leading to preventable severe disability and death.

Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. Passing HF 10 would be harmful to 81,000 people, increase the workloads of healthcare professionals, crowd emergency rooms, and create a major public health crisis. We urge you to reject HF 10 and continue to support the hardworking immigrants living in our communities.

Sincerely

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