



Representative Tina Liebling
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Dear Rep. Liebling,

As leadership of the Minnesota Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), we are writing in support of HF 2930 and thank you for authoring this vital legislation.

As the leading medical organization dedicated to the health of individuals needing high quality, accessible obstetrical care, we understand the essential role of the statewide Perinatal Quality Collaborative in effectively addressing the barriers to optimal outcomes. This network of organizations, providers, content experts and community voices is working to empower us by sharing advanced, sustained and data-driven practices so that birthing people and babies will get the excellent care they deserve, increasing safety and reducing health disparities. The MN PQC diligence paved the way for Minnesota to participate with the rest of the country in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health - a national data-driven maternal safety and quality improvement initiative. AIM provides implementation and data support for the adoption of evidence-based patient safety bundles, aligning national, state and hospital level engagement. Here in Minnesota, the PQC has launched the hypertensive and substance use disorder safety bundles.

A renewed focus on the root causes of infant mortality is also a key component to improving care and addressing the overall health disparities. It's essential to have data driven interventions in order to improve the outcomes for the infants of all here in Minnesota.

Maternal and infant health statistics in the US were the worst among developed countries before the pandemic and, though somewhat better in Minnesota, have been worsening since the pandemic. MN ACOG strongly supports the investment in maternal and infant health that HF 2930 provides, as we look forward to the improved outcomes that all birthing people deserve.

Thank you again for authoring HF 2930. Please let us know how else we may support this work. If you have questions, please reach out to our consultant, Tara Erickson, at tara@TGEConsultingmn.com

Sincerely,

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