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Senator Julie Rosen  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
95 University Avenue W  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2113  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Rosen,

Thank you for introducing the Minnesota Telehealth Act (SF 1160) and for all your work to ensure access to quality health care across Minnesota.

University of Minnesota Physicians is a large multi-specialty practice including the faculty of the University of Minnesota Medical School and community physicians. As part of our land grant mission, we work with health systems across the region to provide top-tier patient care to communities across the state. We offer 90+ specialties, practice in over 40 locations, and provide more than 1 million patient visits a year. As health care providers, we have learned a great deal over the past year about new ways to deliver care. As you know, telehealth became a primary method of clinic visits as we all implemented precautions for COVID-19. While the technology is not flawless, the opportunity to continue to use telehealth as an ongoing part of our practice even post-COVID is important to ensuring continued access, convenient options for patients, and in some cases, enhanced ability to manage care. Telehealth also offers new opportunities in training by allowing our residents and students more ability to participate as part of a care team in multiple areas.

We appreciate also the inclusion of audio and video visits as part of this legislation, both for equity purposes and to allow care teams to choose the most appropriate method – audio, video or in person – for care delivery.

Your leadership in pursuing equity for telehealth and in person services or consultation is critical to our ability to continue this efficient and convenient way to serve our patients. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance as this bill advances through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bevan Yueh', written in a cursive style.

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