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Representative Rep. Ginny Klevorn, Chair
State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Chair Klevorn and Members of the Committee,

With over 22,000 members, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is the leading organization representing professional nursing across Minnesota. As leaders in labor and health care, we are a voice for hospital nurses around the state on issues related to the health and well-being of the public.

We want to thank Representative Bierman for authoring HF402, which would establish new regulations to prevent massive, profit-driven conglomerates from further corporatizing and consolidating the state healthcare system. Among other provisions, there are several items in the bill that MNA is particularly supportive of:

- Parameters and authorities established to help safeguard Minnesotans against transactions that would lead to negative impacts relating to the affordability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare services;
- Language to explicitly prohibit transactions that would create a monopoly or monopsony;
- Prohibiting CEOs, board members, or other healthcare entity executives from personally profiting off a merger or other transaction; and
- Extending the moratorium on HMO conversion, and requiring the state to gather findings and develop longer-term strategies around HMO conversion.

MNA strongly supports HF402, as amended, but we would also strongly request that the Legislature and author to consider future amendments that would:

- Require entities involved in a transaction to honor existing worker collective bargaining agreements that are currently in place;
- More explicitly protect access to reproductive healthcare services, including abortion services, as well as gender-affirming care.

Minnesota statutes need updating to meet the current moment, and ongoing crisis, in healthcare. As such, MNA strongly supports HF402, as amended..

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