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Chair Liebling and members of the committee,

TakeAction Minnesota is a statewide multiracial, grassroots membership organization writing in support of HF2499.

Our current healthcare system is less a system than a collection of healthcare sectors that we make people shuffle between. Since our founding 15 years ago we have engaged thousands of Minnesotans to better understand and advocate for their healthcare needs. Together we have worked to protect and strengthen public health care programs, support the Affordable Care Act and other efforts to make the private insurance market more equitable, accountable and affordable, and to give more people the opportunity to buy-in to public health care programs. More affordable, simpler, equitable access to healthcare is continuously one of the top concerns of the people we work with around the state.

That's why we support HF2499's study of the costs and outcomes of our current healthcare financing "system" as compared to the projected costs and outcomes of a universal health care financing system. This kind of holistic approach is important in order to account for all the fragmented ways we pay for health care, and all of the people that we both include and leave out, so that we can make the best decisions about how to move forward.

Please support HF2499,

Sincerely,

Kenza Hadj-Moussa

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