**Testimony in favor of HF #377 – State Tax-Deductibility for donated health care services for medical, dental, in-hospital, chiropractic expenses.**

**Madam/Mr. Chair and Members of this Committee:**

**My name is John Tyler, and I am a principal owner of Boys and Tyler Financial Group, Inc., an Eden**

**Prairie-based insurance and financial planning and employee benefits agency. I am also Chair of the**

**Republican Health Care Task Force.**

**Health care donated to needy individuals unable to afford payment is yet another means of providing**

**necessary treatment should be treated as any other valued and donated product or commodity. At**

**present donated items to Charities such as clothing serve as an incentive to do so. Someone is helped;**

**why not the donor as well? Why not the same with health care donations? Someone is helped – why**

**not the donor too? Encouraging this type of giving will only energize more and more health care**

**professionals to help out the needy. Tax what you wish less of, and subsidize what you wish more of.**

**Charity care should be at the top of the list.**

**Showing strong, equitable leadership to the federal Government, and other States to follow suit with**

**real reformed tax-policy would place Minnesota at the lead in real reform initiatives among states.**

**Having a well-coordinated state/federal tax policy with regard to health care charitable giving**

**is the ultimate goal, making Minnesota a more desirable place to live.**