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Dear Representative Theis,

This letter is to provide full support to HF 3287. I am a Professor in the School of Nursing and Center on Aging at The University of Minnesota. My research examines the sources and effectiveness of long-term care for chronically disabled older adults. For the past 17 years I have conducted numerous, federally-, state-, foundation-, and industry-funded studies on Alzheimer's disease and long-term care, the longitudinal ramifications of family care for disabled adults, and the effectiveness of community-based and psychosocial services for chronically ill adults and their caregiving families.

I will serve as the scientific/research expert for this proposed project in collaboration with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. I have scientific expertise in in-home health monitoring for older adults; specifically, I am currently conducting a 5-year research project grant with funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (5R18HS022836) to evaluate the effectiveness of a remote health monitoring system for people with memory loss who live in the homes and family caregivers. I also have expertise conducting systematic reviews and meta-analyses of the scientific literature on a number of topics related to aging and long-term care.<sup>1-8</sup> I would be excited and honored to contribute these skills to a successful review of current science as well as an environmental scan related to in-home activity monitoring for older persons.

Sincerely,



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