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Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the more than 500,000 members that UCare serves throughout Minnesota, I want to express our support for HF604. UCare is a health plan serving people enrolled in Medicaid, MinnesotaCare, Medicare and the individual market throughout Minnesota. Many of our members have chronic conditions and/or are people with varying levels of disability who have taken extraordinary precautions to protect themselves during the pandemic. We support this bill as an additional way to protect our members until everyone is vaccinated.

We support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation of wearing cloth face coverings as a way to "help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice". As we continue to be in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, ways to mitigate the spread of the virus will remain vital.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ghita Worcester".

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