



April 7, 2021

Representative Tina Liebling

Dear Chair Liebling:

On behalf of the Long-Term Care Imperative, a collaboration between LeadingAge Minnesota and Care Providers of Minnesota, we are writing to share our positions with respect to certain provisions in the House File 2128.

**Article 2 Section 25; Background Studies:** We have some concerns regarding the establishment of a fee schedule which could disproportionately effect some of our members. We are appreciative of steps to extend the timeline to address the backlog of background checks that is growing during the public health emergency.

**Article 3 Sections 24,25,26 Case Mix changes:** Neutral

**Article 3 Section 53 Assisted Living Facility definition:** We oppose changing the definition of assisted living. This was not a consensus item in our discussions with all interested parties.

**Article 3 Section 54 Services with residents with Dementia:** We support this technical change. The change fixes a technical glitch with the language which, if not fixed, could have the unintended consequence of forcing up to 33 percent of the providers out of business. This technical change was not objected to in discussions with all interested parties.

**Article 3 Section 91 Housing with services establishment registration; conversion to an assisted living facility license.** We support this technical change, and is important to ensure timely implementation of the 2019 assisted living licensure law.

We look forward to working with you as you finalize your omnibus budget bill this year.

Sincerely,

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