

February 15, 2021

Rep. Tina Liebling
Chair, Health Finance and Policy
477 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep Liebling and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, I write in support of the proposed change described below that is being brought forth by the Minnesota Dental Association. The change includes the ability for dentists to administer COVID vaccines.

Currently, Minnesota Statute 150A.055 only allows dentists to administer influenza vaccines. Due to the current situation with COVID and the desire to vaccinate more citizens in Minnesota as the year goes on, it is important to have other healthcare professionals, such as dentists, assisting and supporting greater public health efforts in our state.

In the interest of public health and safety, the proposal maintains training, proper precautions, storage, and reporting requirements that are already present in the statute.

We support the changes in HF789 and urge the adoption of this language by the Minnesota State Legislature.

Best,



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