Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting

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Representative Tina Liebling Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee 477 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Liebling:

The Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting (MCTHV) is writing in support for a number of maternal and child health (MCH) focused proposals in HF 2128. We were pleased to see several policies and targeted funding to help support families in need and to help address disparities.

We were pleased to see support for important home visiting services and resources to support the families served.

- Increasing flexibility and funding to families through voluntary family home visiting services
- Extending access to medical assistance postpartum 6 months to improve health and mental health outcomes
- Including telehealth services for home visiting and mental health services beyond the public health emergency

Additionally, we were pleased to see these MCH focused policies and believe they will make improvements for all women

- Including the Dignity of Pregnancy and Childbirth Act to track important data and increase knowledge and training to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes
- Expanding support for the African-American Integrated Care for High Risk Pregnancies (ICHRP) initiative, and
- Supporting and funding for African American mothers, fathers, babies and young families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at <u>Laura@LaCroixDalluhnConsulting.com</u>.

Regards,

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