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To: Members of the House Education Policy Committee

Fr: Tyler Williams, Minnesota Vikings – Vice President of Player Health and Performance

Re: HF 4008 – Requiring Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in High Schools

The Minnesota Vikings are pleased to support HF 4008 which would require high schools and charter schools in Minnesota to have cardiac emergency response plans. I serve as the Minnesota Vikings Vice President of Player Health and Performance and I understand how important this measure is for the health and safety of all Minnesota students who participate in high school athletics.

As we have seen in recent professional sporting events, sudden cardiac emergencies can occur at any moment, and the most critical component of care is the preparedness to act. For example, the Minnesota Vikings have taken the initiative to be proactive and provide annual first aid, CPR, and AED training to our coaching staff. We would encourage the State of Minnesota to take this same proactive approach by passing HF 4008, to implement these cardiac emergency response plans at high school athletic competitions.

Thank you to Representative John Huot and Senator Bonnie Westlin for authoring this legislation, and thank you to the American Heart Association, the Smart Heart Sports Coalition and other organizations in Minnesota who are supporting this important legislation. We urge you to pass HF 4008.

Thank you.

