



Minnesota Home Care Association

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Chair Abeler and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kathy Messerli and I am the Executive Director of the MN Home Care Association, who's members provide hands-on care to more than 30,000 older Minnesotans and individuals with disabilities in their homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of provisions included in the S.F. 4410 A-1 Delete Everything Amendment.

MHCA greatly appreciates the investments proposed in this amendment that will move our state toward our shared goal as policymakers, advocates and service providers to increase access to the services that support older Minnesotans and those with complex care needs to remain living in their own homes and/or with their families for as long as possible.

There are multiple provisions included in this amendment that will help our state to better support Minnesotans in need of home care services by increasing access to the services and recognizing the invaluable role that home care staff play:

- Investing increased funds in the reimbursement rates for Home Health Aides, Skilled Nursing, Home Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Therapies
- Reforming the reimbursement system for Homemaker Services
- More fully implementing the data driven rate reimbursement system for the Personal Care Assistance Program
- Increasing the funds available for individuals who provide services within the Personal Care Assistance enhanced rate category
- Allowing a Personal Care Assistant to be reimbursed for time spent driving a service recipient

Each one of these provisions is a step forward for our state. Thank you for including these provisions that acknowledge the critical role home care services play in supporting older Minnesotans and those with complex care needs to remain living in their own homes and/or with their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Messerli".

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Mission: MHCA represents and supports Minnesota home care providers committed to high quality home care services.

Vision: MHCA will shape the home care landscape to improve and sustain quality care services.

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