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Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer
95 University Avenue W.
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Madame Chair,

I submit this letter today on behalf of the Labor side of the Joint Labor Management Committee on Health Plans (JLM). We thank you for your leadership last year in passing the reverse auction process for Minnesota's public employee pharmaceutical benefit manager (PBM) selection.

Labor is also grateful for the inclusion of the provision that makes clear state employee representatives must have a voice in this process. Providing for active participation by employee representatives in the important decisions benefits the state and its workforce.

Thus far, the process is operating smoothly. Leadership from SEGIP has been collaborative and responsive to our participation. The joint labor management subcommittee on the reverse auction PBM selection will continue its work over the next few months until the vendor selection is finalized.

We remain confident the reverse auction process will realize the state millions of dollars in savings. In addition, the state's partnership with a technology vendor brings transparency and accountability to a complex contract. Providing for claims auditing in real time will ensure the contract is being executed as agreed upon.

Thank you for your time. If anyone from the committee has any additional questions, please contact Jonathan Bohn at bohn@ifo.org.

Sincerely,

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