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Senator Melissa Wiklund MN Senate Health and Human Services Committee anna.burke@senate.mn

Re: Support of SF1- Protect Reproductive Health Options Act

Dear Honorable Sen. Wiklund and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee

On behalf of the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians (MN-ACP), we are writing to **support the proposed Protect Reproductive Health Options (PRO) Act, SF1**. This legislation would codify in Minnesota, the right to reproductive freedom and autonomous decisions about an individual's own reproductive health, including the fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive health care.

As the professional organization of primary care and subspecialty internists, with more than 2,300 members in Minnesota, we strongly support SF1.Our support of this bill is also based on our national organization, the American College of Physicians, <u>support</u> of patient autonomy and ensuring access for all patients to the full range of reproductive health care services, including abortion. ACP <u>believes</u> that such reproductive health care decisions are foundational to the patient-physician relationship.

We therefore urge you to vote "yes" on this bill and support SF1.

Very truly yours,

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