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Dear Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 family physician and medical student members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) urges your support of SF 1, the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act. This important language ensures that Minnesotans have the right to make medical decisions for themselves in consultation with their health care providers.

Family physicians are important providers of reproductive health care in the state. The MAFP supports our patients' rights to make the medical decisions that are best for them and supports access to all evidence-based treatments and medications, including abortion care. As these rights are denied in some states and chipped away at nationally, it is important that the Minnesota legislature ensure these rights here.

The MAFP is the largest physician specialty society in Minnesota, and our members take care of patients, families and communities across the state. We are leaders in primary care and see it as our job to work with our teams to keep our patients healthy, address health disparities and manage our patients' chronic conditions. We look forward to engaging with you and your colleagues and are appreciative of our shared commitment to the health of Minnesotans. We ask that you please support the PRO Act to ensure access to reproductive health care in our state.

Sincerely,

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