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Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
2107 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Senate HHS Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Hospital Association and our members, we respectfully support the quick confirmation of Dr. Brooke Cunningham to lead the Minnesota Department of Health.

Dr. Cunningham's impressive combination of advanced education and real-world work experience give her a unique and holistic perspective on the pressing public health issues facing Minnesotans now and into the future. Her academic training has instilled in her the importance of data-led and evidence-based solutions, and her work as a general internal medicine physician providing care to Minnesotans gives her important practical insights into the daily challenges facing Minnesotans and our communities. Since joining MDH last year, Dr. Cunningham has shown deep respect for the mission of advancing the health of all Minnesotans and strong awareness of the importance of working in partnership with those the department is seeking to serve as well as important community partners such as the MHA.

Dr. Cunningham's skills, experience and focus on collaboration to address health disparities will be invaluable to our state as we work together to improve the health of all Minnesotans. I encourage members of the Senate to support her confirmation.

Sincerely,

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