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Dear Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of more than 10,000 physician and physician-in-training members of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA), I am writing in support of SF164.

This legislation would allow coverage and reimbursement of postpartum long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) while the patient is still in the hospital immediately following a delivery. The MMA recognizes that LARC is a safe and highly effective intervention for reducing unintended pregnancy. The use of LARC in the immediate postpartum setting has the potential to provide cost savings and reduce the incidence of adverse maternal and child health outcomes.

The MMA appreciates the committee for taking up this important piece of legislation and urges members to support SF164.

Sincerely,

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