



March 2, 2023

Dear Senator Wiklund,

Thank you for authoring SF 2265 that will help the state prepare for the Public Health Emergency (PEH) ending in April 2023. I am writing to support SF 2265. Navigators play a critical role in assisting people with applications and renewals of public health coverage. Attached is one-page document which describes the role of navigators and the impact of the PEH on navigator funding.

I have also attached a sign-on letter that was signed by 21 navigator organizations outlining the short term and long-term funding needs of navigator organizations. We appreciate that SF 2265 takes the first step and funds the incentive payments allocated for this state fiscal year that were unspent due to continuous coverage during the PEH. The letter also requests additional funding changes to ensure that navigator organizations remain stable.

We hope that the one-pager and sign letter can be shared with the committee and that we can continue to discuss additional funding for navigators as the session progresses. Thank you so much for authoring SF2265.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Radtke".

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