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Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

Gender Justice is the organizational home of UnRestrict Minnesota, an expansive, diverse, and inclusive coalition for reproductive rights, health, and justice. UnRestrict Minnesota is a multi-racial coalition of health care clinics, abortion funds, practical support groups, LGBTQ advocacy groups, faith communities, organizers, lawyers, doulas, and many more.

Our coalition represents the majority of Minnesotans. Across the state, Minnesotans have made their support for abortion rights abundantly clear — including by sending to the legislature our state's first pro-reproductive-freedom majority ever.

We are writing today in support of SF2995 that would both repeal and reform programs that are currently in place in Minnesota.

SF2995 ends the Positive Alternatives to Abortion Program. We encourage you to instead take the approach of SF336 (Kunesh), the Positive Pregnancies Support Act which reforms this program. We believe that every pregnant person and family — no matter whether they plan to continue or end a pregnancy, and regardless of their pregnancy outcome — needs support without conditions, information without bias or restrictions, and resources that meet their needs.

Additionally, SF2995 would also repeal the "Women's Right to Know Act" which would get rid of the medically unnecessary script that people seeking abortions must listen to, the unnecessary and burdening 24 hour waiting period, and the invasive reporting requirements that single out abortion and gather information that is used for political, not health, purposes.

And SF2995 strengthens the Family Planning Grants program, including removing unconstitutional restrictions.

The passage of SF2995 would continue the needed work of making abortions more accessible for Minnesota. It would remove unnecessary roadblocks that patients have to endure to get access to this vital care.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Peterson".

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