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To Committee Chair Sen. Latz, Vice Chair Sen. Verbeten, Sen. Limmer, and committee members,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit public testimony on SF0001, the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act. I would like my testimony to be entered into the public record.

Minnesota has been a leader in protecting the right to reproductive choice, and SF0001 preserves safe and legal abortion for our women. Please continue your support for equal rights and the PRO Act without amendments. The Minnesota Supreme Court has ruled that these rights are protected; therefore, codifying reproductive protections into the PRO Act ensures the legality of a woman's right to choose in this state.

As a woman, I have always been aware of the possibility of having an unwanted pregnancy and have been sensitive to many of my friends and family members caught in these predicaments: rape, a failure of birth control methods, tubal pregnancies/miscarriages, or simply an unawareness of consequences of actions (especially for young adults). No one "wants" an abortion...it is a necessary procedure for a myriad of reasons. Government should support women's reproductive healthcare and not attempt to make these very personal decisions the business of the State of Minnesota. The individual should have the right to choose.

Thank you very much for your time and service.

Sincerely,
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