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Representative Melissa Hortman
Speaker of the Minnesota House
463 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Esther Agbaje
437 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Honorable Speaker Hortman and Representative Agbaje:

The Minnesota AFL-CIO supports the HF 366, Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA). This bill is necessary to protect rights and access to reproductive health care for all Minnesotans as well as those seeking care from outside our state. A majority of Minnesotans support protecting abortion access and ensuring the right to reproductive freedom. It is vital to protect this right from outside interference.

HF 366 creates strong protections for the state’s health care providers and citizens against legal attacks and criminal penalties imposed by other states. The RFDA would also prevent Minnesota courts from being commandeered by anti-choice activists. It is vital to protect patients and provider in Minnesota and those coming to Minnesota to seek care.

The Labor Movement is built upon the idea that people should have control over their bodies and the work their bodies are required to perform. Countless working people and especially workers of color are vulnerable to state abortion bans due to a lack of financial and other resources.

Despite abortion being legal and protected in Minnesota, we know that other states have imposed sanctions on providers and citizens outside as well as inside the state. HF 366 needs to pass to protect health care providers and citizens individual liberty and privacy.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO is proud to support the passage of HF 366. Thank you for your time and please contact us should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer