

March 20, 2023

Rep. Melissa Hortman 463 State Office Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Hortman:

Just The Pill was incorporated as a non-profit in 2020 and is an independent, non-partisan organization. We provide medication abortion and contraception to patients in Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado and all those traveling to those states for care. We are proud to offer medication abortion care where it is legal, as it is essential health care. Just The Pill strongly supports HF366, a bill that protects patients in Minnesota, those coming to Minnesota from a state that bans abortions, and clinicians who practice in Minnesota or outside of Minnesota.

In June 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 landmark case *Roe v. Wade* eliminating the federal right to abortion. This decision was a shattering blow to the right to access abortion in the United States, leaving even more people struggling to access the essential health care they need.

Since Roe was overturned, there has been a 50% increase in patients coming to Just The Pill for abortion care. Our clinicians deserve to provide the best care possible to their patients without legal repercussions or unscientific governing laws. In order to support all people who might need an abortion, whether at Just The Pill or elsewhere, HF366 makes it clear that patients trying to access abortions and clinicians providing those services will be protected in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Julie Amaon, MD Medical Director for Just The Pill