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Dear Senator Morrison,

On behalf of the more than 10,000 physician and physician-in-training members of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA), I am writing in support of SF 165, the “Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA).”

Healthcare decisions are deeply personal and must be made by the patient, based on what is best for that patient, with the input and advice of their healthcare professional. This is especially true for reproductive health. The RFDA respects patient autonomy and reproductive freedom by ensuring that Minnesotans as well as individuals coming to Minnesota for healthcare services, can receive care that is free from government interference.

Minnesota clinicians providing reproductive care, and patients receiving such care, must be protected from out-of-state legal repercussions associated with such services. The need for the protections offered in the RFDA are particularly important in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This decision has resulted in many states, including border states, seeking to restrict access to reproductive healthcare services.

Thank you for recognizing the essential role of reproductive health services in overall health as reflected in the RFDA. The MMA asks for your support.

Sincerely,

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