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Chair Matt D. Klein  
Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee  
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Klein and Committee Members:

Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) represents a diverse group of stakeholders supporting policies and programs aimed at ensuring infants, toddlers and families with young children have the best start in life regardless of income, geography, or race. We write today to urge your support to SF 3511, so that newborns, children, and their caregivers have access to the healthcare they need to grow up healthy.

A strong parent-child relationship is the foundation that all future brain development is built upon. SF 3511 ensures that families in the hospital will not have to experience the undue stress of having one member being transferred to another location; families will have the opportunity to be transferred together so that parents are not forced to choose between being with their child and receiving the healthcare they need to be well.

Minnesota's PN-3 Coalition recognizes the need for healthcare to be responsive to the individual needs of the people being served. This bill improves responsiveness of the healthcare system by allowing providers to refer and provide care to families based on their individual needs—not on a set timeline determined by a health plan or board.

We urge you to act today and support SF 3511 so that birthing people have access to the healthcare they need to support their young child's healthy growth and development. Please contact Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn at [laura@lacroixdalluhnconsulting.com](mailto:laura@lacroixdalluhnconsulting.com) with any questions, concerns, or for more information about Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition.

Thank you,

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