



April 25, 2024

Chair Matt Klein  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2105

Dear Chair Klein,

We write to express our strong support for establishing a MinnesotaCare Public Option (SF4778). No matter where we live, the color of our skin, or how much money we have, Minnesotans should have the freedom to live healthy lives and get the care we need without having to go bankrupt for it. We know that our families, economy, and local communities are stronger when we all have access to truly affordable, high-quality healthcare that supports our health and wellbeing.

**That's why we support a MinnesotaCare Public Option, to allow more Minnesotans to access the affordable, comprehensive healthcare they need.**

Established in 1992 through bipartisan leadership, MinnesotaCare is affordable and high-quality healthcare that we fund together through state, federal, and enrollee contributions.

A MinnesotaCare Public Option would:

- **Expand access to affordable healthcare** by allowing middle-income Minnesotans, including those without documentation, struggling to afford high deductible plans on the individual market and small group market to buy-in to MinnesotaCare through a public option.
- **Offer temporary assistance** to help individuals and small businesses afford healthcare while the public option is being implemented.
- **We believe that healthcare should be people-centered, include everyone, and not be dependent on employment.** A vast majority of Minnesotans agree, with 91 percent saying that they believe the government should expand insurance options so that everyone can afford quality care (Healthcare Value Hub Survey, Nov. 2020).

**We urge you to support truly affordable, high-quality healthcare for every Minnesotan. Please vote to support the expansion of MinnesotaCare as a Public Option (SF4778).**

Signed,

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