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Senator Steve Cwodzinski  
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Dear Senator Steve Cwodzinski and Members of the Education Policy Committee:

Gender Justice is the organizational home of UnRestrict Minnesota, an expansive, diverse, and inclusive coalition for reproductive rights, health, and justice. UnRestrict Minnesota is a multi-racial coalition of more than 30 health care clinics, abortion funds, practical support groups, LGBTQ advocacy groups, faith communities, organizers, lawyers, doulas, and many more.

We are writing in support of Senate File 3746, which would designate the commissioner of education to begin the rulemaking process to adopt statewide academic standards in health. The establishment of such standards would take actionable steps toward ensuring that all Minnesotans are equipped with the knowledge and skills to attain their highest level of health. Furthermore, these standards aim to center the wellbeing of young people and provide the necessary tools to make informed decisions and positive impacts on themselves and their peers throughout their lifespan.

Too many young people fail to receive the health information, education, and access to the care they need to live healthy lives. A holistic approach to health education is essential to preventing harm and creating safer and thriving communities across the state of Minnesota.

As a coalition of organizations working to ensure that people of all genders have a meaningful right to bodily autonomy, safety, health, and opportunity, we support establishing health standards that provide youth with the information they need to live healthy lives.

The UnRestrict Minnesota coalition with Gender Justice respectfully requests your support for Senate File 3746. Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Meyer".

Monica Meyer  
Political Director, Gender Justice