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Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Chair Melissa H. Wiklund
95 University Avenue W.
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Subject: Lakeview Hospital Relocation Legislation – SF3674

Dear Chair Wiklund and Committee Members,

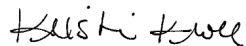
I am writing to you on behalf of United Way Washington County-East, which serves Stillwater and 19 other cities in the surrounding area. Our organization is deeply committed to the well-being and health of our community and works closely with local nonprofit organizations to meet the needs of residents. In this spirit, we wish to express our strong support for SF3674, authored by Senator Housley, to amend Minnesota's hospital construction moratorium.

We strongly endorse SF3674, which will enable Lakeview Hospital to relocate to a more suitable location for a modern hospital while maintaining its full licensed capacity of 97 inpatient beds. This move is crucial for addressing the growing healthcare demands in our community and ensuring that Lakeview Hospital continues to effectively provide essential, high-quality services for Stillwater and our surrounding communities.

Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental component of community well-being and supporting this hospital aligns with the United Way's mission to promote the health and welfare of the community. As members of our state's legislative body, your support for this legislation is vital. We urge you to consider the positive impact that the proposed changes will bring to our community's health infrastructure and overall well-being.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and hope that you will join us in supporting SF3674. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the health and welfare of the people of Minnesota.

Sincerely,



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