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Dear Senate Health and Human Services committee members,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 family physician and medical student members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) urges your support of the Minnesota Building Families Act (SF 1704/HF 1658).

The MAFP is the largest physician specialty society in Minnesota and plays a crucial role in advocating for the health and well-being of patients, families and communities across the state. Our members provide high-quality, patient-centered care and take pride in being leaders in primary care. Family physicians witness firsthand the challenges faced by families in Minnesota related to preserving and increasing fertility.

We believe that SF 1704 addresses critical issues that affect the health of Minnesotans. Senate File 1704 ensures the opportunity for families to preserve their fertility without having to forego lifesaving medical care like cancer treatments. We also recognize the Minnesota Building Families Act provides us with an opportunity to challenge racial disparities in medical care by reducing the financial impact of fertility treatment for BIPOC families, who are both disproportionately affected by infertility as well as the largest percentage of Medicaid recipients. All Minnesotans should have access to reproductive health care.

The MAFP looks forward to engaging with you on this matter and we are grateful for our shared commitment to the health of Minnesotans. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of families across our great state.

Sincerely,

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