

Chair Fateh and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am fortunate to have a spouse whose employer offers insurance benefits, but we would likely choose MinnState's if we knew I would be eligible long-term. I am sure it has cost our family more money for coverage than it would have if we had stable access and assurance of benefits eligibility through MinnState. I know of others who have lost money (hundreds of dollars) because a spouse's employer imposed a fee if they didn't take other benefits they were eligible for, but the TPT faculty member never knew if she would be eligible so she couldn't honestly answer the question. I know of faculty who have lost family coverage last minute and have needed to cancel or delay medical treatments. I will ask them to send their stories.

MSCF Contingent Faculty Member

(Testimony submitted anonymously due to the tenuous nature of their employment)