Minnesota Senate
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
SF 333 - Reinsurance
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Dear Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

The Minnesota Business Partnership represents business leaders from the state's largest employers, who collectively employ nearly half a million workers in Minnesota and 4.8 million globally. Minnesota consistently ranks among the top states for healthcare quality and has one of the lowest uninsured rates in the nation. Our state is also 4th in the country for employer-sponsored insurance and 6th for employer contributions to healthcare costs. This strong healthcare foundation is supported by our headquartered economy and world-class healthcare systems.

Affordability, access, and equity in healthcare are key priorities for our members. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on Senate File 333, which addresses the continuation of Minnesota's Premium Security Plan, or reinsurance.

The Premium Security Plan has been instrumental in stabilizing Minnesota's individual insurance market, reducing premiums by 20% for those purchasing plans on the open market. It has ensured that many Minnesotans remain insured despite rising healthcare costs. Without its extension, premiums could increase by 25% or more, leaving tens of thousands of Minnesotans without affordable coverage.

Such a significant rate hike would not only put coverage out of reach for many, but it would also lead to substantial budget shortfalls for healthcare providers and drive up insurance rates in the commercial market, creating widespread instability.

The Minnesota Business Partnership is committed to supporting affordable, accessible healthcare for all Minnesotans and a stable healthcare ecosystem. The Premium Security Plan plays a crucial role in achieving these goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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