

March 31, 2025

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Re: Support for SF 1691 / HF 1777 – Funding Community-Based Reproductive Health Models

Chair Wicklund and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Pro-Choice Minnesota, I write in strong support of SF 1691 / HF 1777, which allocates critical funding for community-rooted, culturally specific reproductive health initiatives. This investment represents a vital and timely step toward improving health outcomes for underserved populations, particularly Black, Indigenous, and communities of color across Minnesota.

Minnesota continues to experience stark racial disparities in reproductive health, with many families facing systemic barriers to timely, respectful, and effective care. Programs grounded in cultural relevance and community leadership meet people where they are—providing comprehensive, wraparound services that extend beyond clinical care and supporting individuals through pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum recovery.

At Pro-Choice Minnesota, we believe that advancing reproductive freedom means centering those most harmed by inequitable systems. Reproductive care must be holistic, inclusive, and rooted in justice. By investing in community-based care models, this legislation upholds our shared values of bodily autonomy, supportive community, and equitable access to care.

We proudly stand with the organizations leading this critical work. Their approaches not only save lives but also empower families, strengthen communities, and establish a replicable model for care throughout the state.

We urge the committee to pass SF 1691 / HF 1777 and help Minnesota lead with justice, equity, and compassion. Please feel free to contact us for further information or to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely,

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