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Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair
Minnesota Senate Health Committee
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA), I am writing to express our strong support for SF2939, the Health Care Accountability Act (HCAA), which would provide for more transparent reporting of who controls and benefits from our state's healthcare delivery system. By addressing existing loopholes in annual reporting of some information to MDH, more information can be provided to the Legislature and public about where money is being wasted that could instead be used to provide care for Minnesotans. In addition to closing reporting loopholes to better reflect the structure of the current healthcare landscape, this bill also safeguards our healthcare system and infrastructure by creating new statutory language prohibiting the corporate practice of medicine.

Last biennium, MNA supported a number of legislative proposals focused on financial transparency and addressing healthcare consolidation, several of which became law. This legislation builds on some of those same themes – supporting the notion that our publicly-funded healthcare system requires information to be transparent and accessible to the public, and that our entire state healthcare delivery system should be accountable to patients, communities, and taxpayers. The existing reporting structures in place have not kept pace with the changing nature of healthcare service delivery, including the fact that most Minnesota hospitals are now owned and operated by large corporations who often have various subsidiary or affiliated entities with shared financial interests. This bill would help illuminate data that is now unavailable due to the further corporatization and growth of large healthcare corporations. This is precisely the type of data that the Legislature and public needs if we are ever going to tackle the various sources of waste, fraud, abuse, and senseless profiteering that lead to access and affordability issues in our healthcare systems.

Whether it is behavioral health services in the Metro, or Labor and Delivery in Greater Minnesota, vital healthcare services are often on the chopping block in our state. Please support this legislation so we can begin to start collecting the information necessary to determine a new way forward – one that prioritizes patients before profits. This bill is a huge step forward in that direction, and we hope to see it garner bipartisan support.

Sincerely,

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