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Re: Support for Senate File 2371

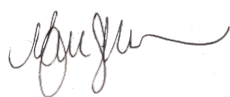
Dear Chair Latz and members of the committee:

The Minnesota Cannabis and Drug Policy Resource Center (MN Cann) is dedicated to advancing safe, equitable, and sustainable cannabis policy in Minnesota. As a trusted resource for policymakers, businesses, and consumers, we provide education, advocacy, and strategic guidance to support a thriving and just cannabis industry. Through initiatives like the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Access Initiative, we work to protect patient rights, expand access, and ensure that medical cannabis laws reflect the needs of the people they serve. Our commitment is to foster informed policy solutions that prioritize public health, social equity, and economic opportunity in Minnesota's evolving cannabis landscape.

Minnesota has long recognized medical cannabis as a legitimate treatment option for patients suffering from chronic pain, PTSD, cancer, and other serious conditions. However, despite legal protections, patients continue to face discrimination in employment, education, and housing due to outdated federal policies and regulatory gaps. Senate File 2371 addresses these inequities by ensuring medical cannabis patients cannot be unfairly penalized for legally using their medicine.

Much of the language in this legislation reflects patient-driven advocacy that dates back several years—including legislation introduced in 2020 by former Senator Melisa López Franzen and Representative Aisha Gomez, and co-authored by Senator Dibble. We are grateful to Senator Dibble and the Office of Cannabis Management for continuing to support these critical protections and helping to bring them across the finish line this year.

Best Regards,



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