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Chair Klein and Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

Medical Alley represents a global network of more than 800 leading health technology and care organizations with representation from all corners of the state of Minnesota. With access, affordability, and quality as top priorities, Medical Alley and our partners are committed to developing solutions that drive meaningful change and save lives.

Guided by these principles, Medical Alley supports SF 3936 and the continuation of Minnesota's Premium Security Plan, or reinsurance.

The reinsurance program has been a critical tool in stabilizing Minnesota's individual market. Since its implementation in 2017, premiums have been approximately 20–25% lower than they would have been otherwise, according to the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Reinsurance has also played a meaningful role in expanding access to coverage in Minnesota's individual market. By lowering premiums and improving affordability, the program has helped more than 88,000 Minnesotans — many of whom are self-employed — obtain and maintain insurance that would otherwise be out of reach.

Coverage losses of this magnitude would not only impact patients directly but would also place additional strain on Minnesota's healthcare system, increasing uncompensated care and driving more patients to seek treatment at later, more costly stages of illness.

Medical Alley supports Minnesota's reinsurance program and urges the committee to ensure its long-term sustainability in a way that continues to promote affordability and stability for Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Wagner
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Medical Alley