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Minnesota Section

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Minnesota Health and Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
Saint Paul, MN

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), I write to express our strong support for SF 3859.

ACOG represents physicians who specialize in obstetric and gynecologic care, practicing across Minnesota. Our members are deeply committed to advancing evidence-based medical practice and improving the health and safety of pregnant people, infants, and families.

Vaccination is one of the most effective public health interventions available, and it plays a particularly critical role in protecting pregnant patients and newborns. Diseases such as influenza, COVID-19, and pertussis can pose serious risks during pregnancy and early infancy. Evidence-based guidance from trusted medical experts is essential to ensure that patients, clinicians, and policymakers have access to clear, accurate, and up-to-date vaccine information.

SF3859's creation of a Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council will help ensure that Minnesota's vaccine policies are grounded in the best available scientific and medical evidence. Including diverse medical and scientific expertise on this council will strengthen public confidence and support informed decision-making across the state.

We are grateful to Senator Klein for recognizing the importance of including the clinical expertise of obstetrician–gynecologists in this effort. Obstetricians and gynecologists are often the primary medical providers for women and pregnant patients, and we regularly counsel patients on vaccine safety and effectiveness during pregnancy.

ACOG appreciates the committee's consideration of SF3859 and respectfully urges your support for this important legislation.

Thank you for your leadership in promoting science-based health policy in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Chair
Minnesota Section, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists