Fairview

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Chair Wiklund and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of Fairview Health Services (Fairview), we appreciate the opportunity to express strong support for SF 3859 (Klein), which would both provide coverage for routine vaccines for infants, children, adolescents, and adults without cost-sharing requirements and establish the Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council.

Fairview is a nonprofit, integrated health system providing exceptional health care across the full spectrum of medical services through our 10 hospitals and 60 clinics. Through our Minnesota Immunization Networking Initiative (MINI) program, Fairview has improved access to immunizations by holding vaccine clinics with over 200 partners in community-based settings such as local places of worship, schools, community centers, food pantries, among others. Since its inception, approximately 200,000 vaccinations have been administered, including between 6,000-10,000 influenza vaccinations annually, in community-based settings.

SF 3859 would protect access to routine vaccines as recommended by the nation's top professional medical associations and supported by evidence-based science. The bill would explicitly expand coverage for vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. This bill will provide clear, stable coverage of vaccines for patients and for the providers who administer them during a time when federal vaccine policy seems to be everchanging. Prohibiting cost-sharing would reduce any financial barriers for patients accessing vaccines.

In addition to the coverage requirements, the Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council created by SF 3859 will help ensure the public has access to credible, science-based information for confidence in vaccine safety. We appreciate the broad-based approach to the Council's members to include scientists, clinicians, and public health leaders with knowledge of and backgrounds in vaccines and immunization. Finally, we support the Council's charge in developing and publishing recommended vaccine schedules for infants, children, adolescents, and adults, providing clear guidance for patients, providers, and payers and reducing barriers related to uncertainty and cost-sharing.

We urge the committee to support SF 3859 (Klein) to maintain critical access to routine vaccinations and support the health and wellness of our communities.

Sincerely,

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