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Dear Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA), I write to express our support for SF 4707, which would prohibit health plan coverage of conversion therapy for minors and vulnerable adults.

Conversion therapy is not grounded in medical science and poses significant risks to patient health and well-being. The MMA strongly supported the statewide ban on conversion therapy, recognizing that such practices lack scientific credibility, have no demonstrated clinical effectiveness, and are associated with serious and lasting psychological harm.

SF 4707 represents an important and evidence-based step forward in protecting potentially vulnerable Minnesotans. By prohibiting insurance coverage for conversion therapy, this legislation reinforces the standard that harmful, non-evidence-based practices should not be financed or legitimized within our health care system.

The MMA's policy is consistent with the positions of leading national medical organizations, including the [American Medical Association](#) and the [American Psychological Association](#). These organizations have concluded, based on a robust body of scientific evidence, that conversion therapy is associated with significant, long-term psychological harm, increased risks of depression, anxiety, substance use, and suicidality.

As physicians, we are committed to delivering care that is evidence-based, patient-centered, and guided by our ethical obligation to do no harm. Conversion therapy fails to meet these standards. Instead, best practices in medicine support affirming, supportive care that respects patients' identities and promotes mental health and well-being.

For these reasons, the MMA urges your support for SF 4707.

Sincerely,

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