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Dear members of the Senate Health and Human Services committee,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 family physician and medical student members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) urges your support of Senate File 1402.

The MAFP is the largest physician specialty society in Minnesota, and our members take care of patients, families and communities across the state. We are leaders in primary care and see it as our job to work with our teams to keep our patients healthy and manage our patients' chronic conditions.

Chronic underinvestment in primary care means that low Medicaid reimbursement rates are especially impactful for our members and on patients' access to primary care. Supporting primary care through updated reimbursement rates allow family physicians and their teams to ensure patients have access to care – and years of data have shown that investing in primary care saves money on costly hospital and emergency room visits. Our rural and underserved communities are especially impacted by barriers to care and bear the brunt of this chronic underinvestment.

Medicaid reimbursement rates must be addressed to ensure Minnesota has a robust primary care system across the state to help Minnesotans live their healthiest lives. Thank you for your work on Senate File 1402. We look forward to engaging with you and your colleagues and are grateful for our shared commitment to the health of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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