Minnesota Nurses Association
An Affiliate of National Nurses United

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Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman
463 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Speaker Hortman,

The Minnesota Nurses Association is the largest voice for professional nursing in the State of Minnesota. We act on behalf of over 20,000 members as a leader in both labor and healthcare communities and are a voice for our members on issues relating to the professional, economic, and general well-being of nurses. Our members are strong advocates for patients at the bedside and anywhere else they can promote health; and safe, quality care.

We write to express our support for legislation that would allow Drivers Licenses for All in Minnesota. Our support for this bill stems from MNA's commitment to social justice and health equity and our intimate understanding that access to benefits that make communities stronger leads to better health outcomes for all.

Access to a driver's license supports building communities that are stronger economically and more inclusive socially and culturally. Access to driver's licenses for immigrants is key to a healthy community. It allows economic mobility, encourages involvement in civic life, fosters a sense of belonging, and increases interconnectedness and commitment to our state.

Having access to a driver's license allows Minnesotan's to drive to doctor's appointments, to pick up prescriptions, to visit family, to participate in faith traditions, and be involved in their communities safely and without fear. In short, it allows them to be Minnesotans.

MNA is proud to be part of this coalition work to ensure prosperity and safety here in Minnesota and to ensure that all Minnesotans are treated fairly and have access to basic life needs and dignity. We know you share these strong values and look forward to working with you pass this important legislation.

We urge you to vote yes on Drivers Licenses for All.

Sincerely,

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