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The Honorable Mohamud Noor
Co-Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
5th Floor, Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Joe Schomacker
Co-Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
2nd Floor, Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Legal Aid/Minnesota Disability Law Center Support for HF 666

Dear Co-Chair Noor, Co-Chair Schomacker, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HF 666.

Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD) is an important yet difficult program for participants. Home and Community-Based Services like Community First Services and Supports (CFFS) and disability waivers are not covered by the majority of employer-sponsored plans. Consequently, even if a person with a disability receives health care benefits through their employers, they will often be without necessary care. MA-EPD allows individuals with disabilities to work while still receiving essential supports. However, due to complex program requirements, premiums, and income limits, MA-EPD participants often experience billing issues and difficulties paying premiums.

Prohibiting termination from the program based on the nonpayment of premiums would allow participants to continue to remain on MA-EPD while working out billing issues and financial difficulties. This bill will allow MA-EPD participants to remain employed without disruption to their essential services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding HF 666. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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