



March 19, 2021

The Honorable Tina Liebling
Chair, Minnesota House Health Finance and Policy Committee
via Electronic Mail

Dear Chair Liebling:

Thank you for granting House File 633 a hearing in your committee on March 1, and for your warm reception for the legislation. As you deliberate on your priority items for the Health Finance and Policy omnibus bill, our organizations encourage you to include Representative Bierman's bill in your omnibus package.

On March 1, multiple witnesses spoke and wrote about the need for HF 633. Metastatic breast cancer survivor Monica Theis shared what it's like to take on debt every year to make the lump-sum payment on the medications that keep her alive. Specialty pharmacist Brian Arnold testified about the many patients he meets who share Monica's pain and worry. Government affairs director Dana Bacon reviewed real-world market and regulatory evidence from Colorado to explain how copay-only plans serve these patients without harming other consumers or health plans.

We know that HF 633 will help Minnesotans. Thank you for your leadership to sustain this bill. For questions or concerns, please contact Dana Bacon, Regional Director of Government Affairs for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (dana.bacon@lls.org, 612.308.0479).

Sincerely,

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Arthritis Foundation
Cancer Legal Care
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Hemophilia Federation of America

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Minnesota Medical Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Psoriasis Foundation
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