ATTACHMENT

We request that Governor Walz issue immediate orders, either through direction to DHS and MDH, or via Executive Order, to allow any healthcare professional, including Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Nursing Assistants, Trained Medication Aides, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistants, and other healthcare workers recently furloughed or put on leave by a Minnesota health care provider for reasons related to COVID-19, other than due to risks of personal exposure or vulnerability, to immediately start work at a long term care facility at a job with equivalent training requirements.

Please consider:

• Any Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Trained Medication Aide, Registered Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, or other healthcare worker that is in good standing with their licensing board, and has been furloughed or laid off from a hospital, clinic or other health care setting be immediately eligible for hire without further screening, background check, TB testing or other vetting in a long-term care/senior care setting.

• Any Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Trained Medication Aide, Registered Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, or other healthcare worker that is in good standing with the licensing board, who may not be currently working in a direct-care capacity be immediately eligible for hire without further screening, background check or other vetting in a long-term care/senior care setting.