April 11, 2019

The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
Speaker of the House  
463 State Office Building

The Honorable Paul Gazelka  
Majority Leader  
Minnesota Senate Building #3113

Dear Speaker Hortman and Majority Leader Gazelka,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the MN Leadership Council on Aging (MNLCOA) which strongly supports the repeal of the sunset of the 2% provider tax.

Allowing the health care provider tax to sunset would create an almost $700 million revenue shortfall to critical programs and services causing detrimental impacts to older Minnesotans and their family caregivers across the state.

The provider tax has provided a stable source of income for the Health Care Access Fund. It provided important revenue for MinnesotaCare, a program important today with uncertainty regarding health care at the federal level. In addition, the provider tax has been time-tested and withstood legal challenges.

Please contact me at rajean@mnlcoa.org or (651) 235-0346 with questions or to further engage MNLCOA in this important work.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

CC: Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk and House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt

The Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging is a champion, thought leader, planner, and educator that advances positive system change for older adults, their families and caregivers. The organization is focused on creating communities and systems that support aging with dignity and a spirit of well-being in Minnesota.

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