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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

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To: Speaker of the House Rep. Steve Sviggum
Senate Majority Leader Senator Dean Johnson
House Minority Leader Rep. Matt Entenza
Senate Minority Leader Senator Dick Day

The time has come to publicly disclose to the citizens of Minnesota what you are doing.

If the Minnesota legislature passes Senate Article 2, Section 25 of the HHS finance bill *(as amended on 5/19/05, with or without the proposed A117 House amendment offered on 6/20/05*), it will:

- Establish a government-controlled patient treatment surveillance system
- Open private patient medical records to outsiders
- Establish state government as the final arbiter in private medical decisions
- And more…

As the senior leaders of the Minnesota legislature, you must clearly disclose to the public—prior to any vote—what the passage of this legislation will do to the citizens of Minnesota. Or…you can decide to prevent this legislation from passing. In either case, the public must be advised what you as the senior leaders will do.

Therefore, Citizens' Council on Health Care, on behalf of the citizens of Minnesota, demands that each of you immediately and publicly disclose the contents of this legislation and your intentions.

Respectfully submitted,

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