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### **Citizens' Council for Health Freedom States Senate Passage of MN Health Insurance Exchange Bill Damages Citizen Healthcare**

**STATEMENT by *Twila Brase, President of the Citizens' Council for Health Freedom:***

“This afternoon, the Minnesota Senate made the final vote to pass the Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange, or MN HIX, bill, which passed by a vote of 39 to 28. **Not a single Republican Senator voted for the bill and one Democrat voted in opposition of it during the House vote last week.**

Allowing the bill to pass the Legislature represents **the federal takeover of healthcare in Minnesota** and will do nothing but damage healthcare quality, and access, as well as increase costs.

When the governor signs the bill into law, a newly created board of seven unelected political appointees will equate to a ‘Superboard’ and exist primarily to do the Federal government’s bidding with regard to healthcare in our state. They are now required by law to implement PPACA, regardless of the cost in terms of dollars or citizen needs. Ultimately, **they invade the privacy of anyone that uses the exchange. The board will have the power to limit health plan choice and to increase the cost of healthcare in Minnesota.**”

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** *Ms. Brase* is available for media interviews. To book, please contact Karyn Price at [kprice@hamiltonstrategies.com](mailto:kprice@hamiltonstrategies.com).

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