



**Mission**

*To improve the quality  
of life of LGBT people  
as they age*

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Commissioner Emily Piper  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
PO Box 64998  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0998

Dear Commissioner Piper,


Please accept this letter of support for the Minnesota LGBTQ Health Center.

As noted in the Twin Cities LGBT Aging Needs Assessment, LGBT older adults continue to meet significant barriers to accessing healthcare and consequently experience health disparities when compared to their non-LGBT peers. In fact, 80% of LGBT older Minnesotans do not know if they would receive safe services from a provider if their LGBT status were known. These older adults are at higher risk for social isolation and aging alone, dementia, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, smoking and drinking excessively, and overall poorer health.

Minnesota needs a medical home that can sensitively and confidently serve low-income LGBTQ people and meet the unique needs of these communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

  
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