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# Minnesota House of Representatives

March 10, 2021

The Honorable Tim Walz  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Via electronic delivery**

Governor Walz:

We are writing today to urge you to expand spectator capacity at upcoming Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) tournaments.

It is encouraging to read in the media that you are likely to allow the Minnesota Twins to host games at Target Field with limited capacity. It is our hope that you will also include indoor arenas like the Xcel Energy Center so that parents and students can gather to watch the pre-eminent high school hockey tournament in the country.

As we approach state tournaments for winter sports, it is critical that we consider how important these events are for student athletes, their families, and their communities. For many student athletes, qualifying for the state tournament is a crowning achievement. They should not be forced to pick and choose which family members are able to attend these games.

Blue and red states alike have started the process of reopening and are allowing limited spectators at sporting events. We respectfully ask that you follow their examples and engage in negotiations with the MSHSL on a plan to expand capacity at upcoming state tournament events.

Let's start returning to normal by making this small adjustment that will make a big difference to students and families across the state.

Sincerely,

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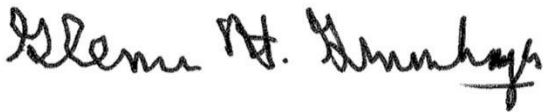
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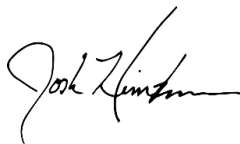
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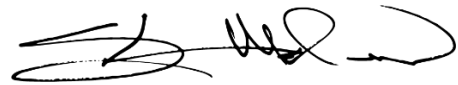
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