

April 17, 2025

Ms. Rae Blaylark
Committee Chairperson
Advisory Committee on Heritable and Congenital Disorders

Dear Ms. Blaylark:

Thank you to the Advisory Committee on Heritable and Congenital Disorders for ensuring Minnesota's Newborn Screening Program is exemplary and leading in national efforts to be on the forefront of changes and additions to newborn screening panels. I would like to commend the advisory committee on its process, workgroup efforts, and evidence-based discussions regarding the benefits and harms of newborn screening for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD).

I have reviewed the package of materials provided to me, which included:

- Outcomes of evidence-review workgroup discussions.
- Literature pertaining to relevant newborn screening pilots.
- Minutes and materials from advisory committee meetings.

Following review, I accept the committee's recommendation to expand the Minnesota newborn screening panel to include MLD.

Please accept my personal thanks to you and the members on the committee for your valuable work to improve the health of Minnesota newborns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brooke Cunningham

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