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Governor Mark Dayton
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Dear Governor Dayton:

As you know, Minnesota's medical device community is an important contributor to the state's economy, supporting over 35,000 jobs at 400 companies in our state. According to Life Science Alley, Minnesota's medical technology trade association, the industry contributes \$43 billion to the state's economy each year. But this Minnesota success story is being threatened by the new medical device tax included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

I continue to hear a clear and consistent message from our medical device companies: in order to save thousands of Minnesota jobs and ensure a bright future for this innovative industry, we must stop this new \$30 billion tax on medical innovation. Recently, you held a round table discussion with medical technology leaders at Lake Region Medical and heard similar views and concerns.

This summer, the U.S. House of Representatives passed my bill to repeal this tax with broad bipartisan support, and gained the support of every member of the Minnesota delegation. The bill now awaits action in the Senate.

Both Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken have signaled their support for ending this disastrous tax. However, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has not brought the bill to the Senate floor. As a follow up to your meeting yesterday with Senator Reid, I respectfully ask you to send a letter to the Senate Majority Leader to encourage him to include the repeal or delay of the medical device tax in the end-of-the-year budget discussions to avoid the fiscal cliff. Hundreds of Minnesota jobs depend on the outcome.

Thank for your consideration and I look forward to working with you to protect this vital Minnesota industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik Paulsen".

Erik Paulsen
Member of Congress