



March 16, 2023

Senator Bill Weber
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2211
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Representative Kristi Pursell
523 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: HF 2042 / SF 2058 - SUPPORT

Respective Chairs & Members,

Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Career Pathways programs in Minnesota include students engaged in agriculture, health sciences, business & marketing, family & consumer sciences, construction, manufacturing, transportation, work-based learning/youth apprenticeship, communications technology, law enforcement, cosmetology, and a variety of other careers areas.

On behalf of the Bluff Country Collaborative, a regional partnership in Southeast Minnesota focused on career-connected learning, we write to you in full support of HF 2042 / SF 2058 – career and technical education grant funding.

Incredible opportunities for students to engage in career-connected learning through the use of industry-grade equipment, experiential learning like industry tours, guest speakers, employer panels, hands-on career fairs, and apprenticeships, as well as providing relevant and up-to-date professional development to school staff are supported by this type of funding.

Career and technical programs are a critical component of Southeast Minnesota’s economy, and the ability to expand and grow these programs is critical to the future labor force of Southeast Minnesota.

The Bluff Country Collaborative and its member schools and partners fully support this legislation and urge the committees to include it in their respective omnibus bills.

Sincerely,

The Bluff Country Collaborative



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