



**Minnesota African American  
Heritage Museum and Gallery**

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Dear Legislators,

Our organization is aware of the essential work the Minnesota STEM Partnership (MNSTEM) has made over the past five (5) years. We stand in support of House Bill #1407 and MNSTEM's vision to significantly broaden participation in advancing and emerging technologies like Robotics in the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota.

Their work has grown significantly and is a cornerstone infrastructure effort to build critical workforce skills in Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color (BIPOC) where our organization sees the need being the greatest. Their stated goal of thousands of Minnesota BIPOC students being influenced, and future labor skills developed can only be achieved with your vote and support for this exciting and impactful initiative. Their excellent work requires funding to continue deepening of skills and broadening of impact across multiple Minnesota communities.

The Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery (MAAHMG) has partnered with MNSTEM on an exhibit and program in the past focusing on Blacks in STEM in Minnesota and we have seen first-hand the excellent work the organization does and the impact it has on the community and building future BIPOC leaders in the STEM field where unfortunately diversity, equity and inclusion is still lagging. We are grateful for the impact MNSTEM has already made in the community and we stand behind Dr. Wulf, staff and volunteers.

In advance, thank you for considering a vote in support of House Bill 1407.

Sincerely,

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