



March 31, 2026

Senator Heather Gustafson
Minnesota Senate Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Representative Cedric Frazier
Centennial Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: Support for SF 4745 (Gustafson) and HF 4543 (Frazier)

Dear Senator Gustafson and Representative Frazier,

On behalf of the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council, which represents over 70,000 members across the State of Minnesota, I write in support of your bill to create a central certified payroll reporting portal.

As you know, the application of prevailing wage requirements on public and publicly-funded construction projects is an important public policy that ensures that public buildings and public works are constructed and maintained by the best means and highest quality of labor available. It ensures that the living standards of construction workers in our communities are not undercut by using their own tax dollars to hire lower-wage workers from out-of-state.

Like any law, it is only as good as its enforcement. Because of the fragmented way that certified payroll reports are collected by each state agency or local government that uses state dollars to let a project, it has created a complicated, dispersed, and inefficient system. This bill is a significant step in the right direction. All of these payroll reports will be located in one place, using the same software system, and we believe it will both save money for state agencies and local governments as well as make enforcement more effective.

The Building Trades have been working with other stakeholders, including contractor associations, state agencies, and local government organizations to make sure that this change would be as seamless as possible for all involved. Thank you for authorizing this bill. We encourage all legislators to support it.

Sincerely,

Tom Dicklich
Executive Director