



March 15, 2023

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

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

Dear Representative Pursell and Senator Weber,

My name is Eric Day and I serve as executive director for Mid-Minnesota Development Commission (MMDC) a regional development organization that works to support economic and community development as well as improved quality-of-life. On behalf of MMDC, I am writing to express my full and vigorous support of HF2042/SF2058 – Career and Technical Education (CTE) Consortium Grant funding. Secondary career and technical programs partner with our business community to provide much-needed connections between students and our local industries. The ability to expand and grow these programs will be increasingly necessary to ensure a healthy future for the Greater Minnesota economy.

HF2042/SF2058 provides incredible opportunity for a statewide, systematic, student-centered approach to CTE, a proven strategy for our districts, teachers, and students. In short, students who participate in CTE programs join our workforce at higher rates than those who don't. They also help us retain our younger talent. Thank you for your consideration of and support for this legislation and for your commitment to Greater Minnesota's business and student communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Day', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric Day, MMDC Executive Director

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