

Saint Paul, MN, March 15, 2022

Chair Noor and members of the Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy Committee,

We write today in support of HF3940 (Rep. Greenman). This bill will allow the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) to continue and expand their technical assistance for workforce development services in the state.

LEDC is a unique organization, with a culturally competent team and leadership, that serves as a hub for programs and assistance in the economic development sector. They successfully provide lending, job training, business development, and educational supports to people and communities in multiple locations in the state. This funding would allow them to expand these programs, including agricultural technical assistance, and reach to more people than need these services.

The Council stands behind these economic opportunity initiatives and LEDC's mission that sets the foundations for financial stability and a better quality of life for future generations of Latino Minnesotans.

We thank you for considering HF3940 and supporting the Latino workforce and entrepreneurial community.

Sincerely,

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