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Dear Legislatures,

Dunwoody College of Technology 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 inflicted 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.

We are grateful for the impact MNSTEM has already made in the community and we stand behind Dr. Michael Wulf, staff, and volunteers. MNSTEM is a devoted partner to our new Dunwoody College Pathways to Careers Scholarship Program (P2C) and our Women in Technical Careers Scholarship Program (WITC). Through the dedicated support received from Dr. Wulf and his team, we have collaborated to provide immersive technical education and STEM experiences for BIPOC populations, including women, in the Twin Cities and beyond. MNSTEM is deeply invested in these emerging technologies, and engages with youth of all ages to introduce opportunities to lead lives invested in technical education and careers.

We are grateful for this partnership and fully support their program growth and community impact!

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

With gratitude and in support,



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Pathways to Careers (P2C) and Women in Technical Careers (WITC)