



March 9, 2021

The Honorable Ruth Richardson
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
403 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Richardson and Members of the House Education Policy Committee:

Thank you for your work this session in developing a K-12 education omnibus policy bill that supports Minnesota's students.

The Minnesota Business Partnership is grateful for inclusion of measures in HF 1081 that will improve early reading instruction, increase teacher diversity, provide multiple measures to ensure students are on track for graduation, and enable districts to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

However, we continue to have deep concerns about language in the bill that would reverse years of work to reform Minnesota's teacher licensure system but also, and most concerningly, adversely impact teachers of color. We encourage the committee chair and members to stay the course on the tiered teacher licensure system and NOT adopt the measures in this bill that would dismantle key components of the system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amy Walsten'.

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