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RE; Letter of support HF 2879

Chairs Novotny, Moller and members of the Public Safety and Finance Policy Committee,

On Behalf of the railroad worker we represent, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, appreciates the opportunity to support HF 2879, a bill that would establish an Organized Retail and Supply Chain Advisory Board in Minnesota to develop a strategy to identify, address and prevent supply chain crimes.

Our organization represents railroad workers who are directly affected by the supply chain challenges that are intended to be addressed by this advisory board. In order to address these issues, we have joined a coalition that includes other labor unions to advocate for this bill. The crimes within the supply chain network pose a threat to the safety of workers throughout the state by exposing them to vulnerabilities within the transportation and supply chain network. Additionally, these crimes also result in increased costs for all working families.

In order to ensure fair representation of all stakeholders, we suggest that the advisory board include a labor representative. The BLET recognizes that having a labor representative on the board will offer valuable insights from a worker's standpoint and aid in making recommendations to combat supply chain crimes.

Sincerely
Joel Mueller

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