

March 29th, 2023

Honorable Chair Hassan and members of the Committee,

This letter is intended to show our gratitude to the Committee Chair and members for your invaluable work and support on behalf of all underrepresented peoples in Minnesota. Today, in particular, we are writing to thank you for including the appropriation for LatinoLEAD in the Omnibus bill to enhance our capacity building.

This investment in the Latino community comes at a crucial time in our state's economy as we face workforce shortages, a housing crisis, and wealth inequality; all while also having a significant surplus as part of our state's budget.

On behalf of our stakeholders, our volunteers, our partners, our Board members, and the Latino community in general, we thank you for your support of LatinoLEAD and our work.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director