



February 18, 2026

Dear Co-Chair Pinto and Co-Chair Baker,

We are writing today in support of small businesses that are facing significant hardship due to heightened federal immigration enforcement and the overly militarized presence of federal agents.

The GroundBreak Coalition includes over 40 philanthropic, private, and civic organizations that came together after the police killing of George Floyd, to reimagine a new future for our region. Out of that crisis, we pooled expertise and capital to create new financial structures designed to support generational wealth building and collective prosperity.

We set an ambitious goal of pooling capital for 5,000 new business owners, creating 8,000 jobs over the next decade. Since December, our local economies have been turned upside down.

The crisis we have in the metropolitan region and across the state cannot be overstated. Business owners have been bearing extraordinary burdens, especially those run by immigrants and other groups on the economic margins.

Before the surge, North Star Policy Action estimated that immigrants accounted for roughly 1 in 7 entrepreneurs in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and that immigrant entrepreneurs and business owners generated \$1.4 billion in annual economic output for Minnesota.

Some estimates suggest that revenues at immigrant-run businesses were down 50% to 100% during Operation Metro Surge. These contributing Minnesotans face threats of ICE confrontations in their places of work, and economic violence in the form of lost revenue as fearful employees and customers stay home.

In Minnesota, we get through difficult times together. The GroundBreak Coalition is positioned to support the ongoing reimagining and rebuilding that will be required in the months ahead.

We ask for leadership from the State and support for small businesses that deserve our full faith and investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adair Mosley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adair" and last name "Mosley" clearly distinguishable.

Adair Mosley, CEO
GroundBreak Coalition