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Representative Tina Liebling  
Chair, House Health Finance and Policy Committee

Dear Chair Liebling and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for HF 2505, which will provide greatly needed funds to help victims of labor trafficking.

The City of Minneapolis has made addressing human trafficking, both labor trafficking and sex trafficking, and exploitation of all kinds one of its key priorities and as such been engaging with internal and external stakeholders, including victims/survivors, in developing a holistic response and a robust system through policies, investment, and implementation of best practices.

The City has awarded funds to community organizations to provide services and conduct outreach to victims of labor trafficking and sex trafficking. We welcome the opportunity created by HF 2505 of much-needed statewide funding which will aid to improve the experience of labor trafficking victims.

Human trafficking is a scourge on our state, and the City of Minneapolis shares a commitment to eliminating it in all its forms. We applaud the efforts we have seen directed at holding both labor and sex traffickers accountable for their crimes. Ensuring that there is adequate support and help for victims is also a necessary piece of the puzzle. Victims of trafficking are often the most vulnerable amongst us, and deserve the helping hand this bill would provide.

We encourage your support for HF2505 and appreciate your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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