



## Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina (COPAL)

Workforce, Economic Development and Labor Conference Committee Members:

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May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Dear Conferees,

We would like to thank you for the inclusion and consideration of COPAL's proposal. The investment will help to support COPAL's initiatives across the state, specifically our workers center programming that supports primarily low-income, migrant, and Latine workers with career planning, workforce training, education, workers' rights advocacy and much more.

We urge you to support the Senate position in order to improve the lives and economic potential of Minnesotan families. COPAL provides workers with one-to-one Career Exploration and Job Placement services, Educational Opportunities such as GED, Computer Skills, and Financial Literacy, Citizenship Classes, Labor Protection Support for victims of wage theft, and Leadership Development.

With this funding we will be able to amplify the impact of our services by providing more robust support in each area, thereby strengthening the workforce development sector of Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration, please reach out with any questions or if you would like to learn more.

Sincerely,

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