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Boilermakers #647
Bricklayers & Allied
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Cement Masons #633
City Employees #363
Construction & General
Laborers #563
Electrical Workers #110
Electrical Workers #292
Elevator Constructors #9
Glaziers & Glassworkers
#L-1324
Heat & Frost Insulators
& Allied Workers #34
Iron Workers #512
Iron Workers Shopmen #535
Millwrights #548
MN State Interior Systems #68
Operating Engineers #49
Painters #386
Pile Drivers & Dock Builders
#1847
Pipefitters #539
Plasterers #265
Plumbers #15
Roofers #96
Sheet Metal Workers #10
Sign, Display & Allied workers
#880
Sprinkler Fitters #417
Teamsters Local #120

March 23, 2023

Representative Jay Xiong, Chair
House Workforce Committee
557 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Xiong and Members of the House Workforce Committee:

On behalf of the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council and as a member of the Minneapolis Workforce Development Board, I am writing in support of HF2721, a bill that will add much needed funding to the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). MYP is integral to serving young people in our area who face barriers to education and employment opportunities.

In Minneapolis, MYP supports the critical work of our Step Up summer program, giving access and opportunity to more young people in Minneapolis to experience important early career success, networking, and mentoring.

We also support increasing the age of eligibility from 16-21 to 16-24. This mirrors other youth workforce development programs' age of eligibility and will allow greater flexibility for co-enrollment to leverage multiple funding streams.

We appreciate Representative Sencer-Mura's leadership on this bill and encourage the committee to support investment in youth programming via the Minnesota Youth Program.

Sincerely,

Dan McConnell
Business Manager