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Senator Heather Gustafson
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3103
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Cedrick Frazier
5th Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Gustafson and Representative Frazier:

The Minnesota Construction Employers Alliance (CEA) respectfully submits this letter in support of SF4745/HF4543, which would create a centralized certified payroll reporting portal and database.

CEA is a construction employer-led association representing more than 200 Minnesota construction employers who are committed to complying with state and federal employment laws and competing fairly in the marketplace. Our members employ thousands of Minnesotans in middle-class construction careers.

SF4745/HF4543 is a constructive step toward improving enforcement of prevailing wage laws in Minnesota. By creating a centralized system for certified payroll reporting and an associated public database, the bill will provide greater transparency into payroll practices on public construction projects and make it easier to identify potential violations.

Today, enforcement of Minnesota's prevailing wage laws is inconsistent as a result of fragmented data and a reliance on complaints. CEA expects that the system envisioned by SF4745/HF4543 will significantly improve the organization and availability of prevailing wage data and make enforcement activities more efficient and effective.

CEA believes that SF4745/HF4543, if implemented properly, will not increase the reporting burden for construction employers working on prevailing wage projects. CEA looks forward to working with other industry stakeholders to ensure that construction employers' administrative burdens are not increased by new report formats or duplicative reporting requirements.

CEA encourages continued focus on ensuring that existing laws are actively enforced so that law-abiding construction employers can compete on a level playing field. CEA supports SF4745/HF4543 as a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B.J. Mariotti'.

B.J. Mariotti
President