

To Governor Tim Walz and Members of the Legislature,

March 5th, 2023

***Support & Pass HF865 / SF754***

Honorable elected officials,

We ask that you support and pass HF865 / SF754.

This bill is about basic fairness in construction contracting and removing barriers to performing public and private work in Minnesota. HF865 / SF754 helps protect small and emerging construction businesses from the significant imbalance in bargaining power that exists today between general contractors and subcontractors. It ensures that a negligent party pays for their own legal costs.

The bill has bipartisan support in the legislature and the support from a broad cross-section of organizations including labor, management, trial attorneys, and the MN Council on Latino Affairs.

We ask that the legislature consider the success of all parties to a construction contract, large and small, and takes a commonsense approach to contracting. For the benefit of small and emerging businesses in Minnesota, as well our state's entrepreneurial spirit, we urge you to pass HF865 / SF754.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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