

Dear distinguished members of the Jobs and Labor Conference Committee,

On behalf of Pillsbury United Communities, **we are writing to thank you for including full funding for our Career Pathways program in your Jobs and Labor omnibus appropriation bill SF3035.**

Thanks to your support, we will be able to continue our work to place and support some of Minnesota's most vulnerable high school graduates in accredited institutions to earn industry certificates in some of Minnesota's highest demand, high potential jobs, improving both their families' and the state's economic outlook in the process. We're grateful you see the power of investing in an impactful program like ours, which provides the comprehensive, holistic social and academic supports our students need to overcome barriers and be successful.

Thank you again for supporting our work and for all the work you've done on behalf of our communities this session.

Sincerely,

Kenzie O'Keefe, Head of Mobilization and Narrative Strategies

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