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Minnesota House of Representatives  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Capital Investment Committee including Chair Rep. Fue Lee and Vice Chair Rep. Mary Murphy:

I am writing you today to in support of Funny Asian Women's Kollektive (FAWK) to be included in the upcoming bonding bill. Their important mission to combat the invisibility and dehumanization of Asian women using comedy and humor, is important and needed in Saint Paul, and the East Side, the area I represent. They use improv and comedy as tools for fighting against microaggressions and have delivered these workshops to colleges, universities, and institutions. Their approach of curating live performances of stand-up, storytelling, and sketches is relatable to many audiences in creating a more culturally and economically vibrant neighborhood.

As a board member of Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, I have participated in a very effective team building professional workshop provided by FAWK as well as participated in one of their excellent poetry workshops hosted by Sun Ray Library. There is a community need for more spaces on the Eastside and Saint Paul that include opportunity for performances, creative and economic incubation, mentorship, workshops, gatherings, resource pantries, and more. Their vision to create the first Asian American womxn-led state-of-the-art multimedia and performing arts center would be an asset to our city.

Thank you for your consideration. These funds would greatly assist FAWK to bring more artmaking and art spaces to our community, which in turn would provide great benefit to our community.

Please contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

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