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Minnesota House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee

RE: Support for HF 3650 – Student Career Pathways

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Pinto, and Members of the House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee,

I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of Saint Paul College to express our strong support of HF 3650 – Student Career Pathways sponsored by Representative Patricia Mueller.

Grounded in equity and inclusion, Saint Paul College is committed to preparing students for, and helping them find jobs in, high-demand industries and providing family-sustaining wage jobs. With compassion and dedication, we collaborate to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment to meet student needs, interests, and goals. When all students have access to resources and support, they are empowered to achieve success. Diversity enriches our intellectual and professional community. Saint Paul College cultivates an environment of safety and transparency where all members are heard, valued, and respected.

Saint Paul College is committed to advancing equity-driven initiatives that strengthen connections across our campus and with community partners. HF 3650 aligns with our belief that when all students have access to resources and support, they are empowered to achieve success. It also demonstrates our dedication to meeting the needs of the changing labor market, supporting economic vitality, and preparing students to thrive in their chosen career. Additionally, we recognize the value and impact personalized advising can have in a student's life, which is a core driver of HF 3650. Building more capacity for schools to deliver on the Personal Learning Plan and aligning resources to provide a more equitable base of support across districts will ensure students are well prepared for their post-high school journey.

We wholeheartedly support this bill. If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at Deidra.peaslee@saintpaul.edu or 651-846-1364. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Deidra A. Peaslee'.

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President