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The Honorable Board of Legislation,

St. Paul, MN, 55155

RE: House Bill #1407, Support of Awarding the Minnesota STEM Partnership

Dear Legislators,

I am Matthew Spriggs and I am writing to you today to express my support for the Minnesota STEM Partnership for the House Bill #1407. I cannot imagine the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota being without both the current and future impact of the Minnesota STEM Partnership.

As an honored visitor to this great state, I have seen firsthand the impact that the MSP Robotics programs can have on the lives of those who need them most. I was invited to witness and document one of the many robotics events the Minnesota STEM Partnership was hosting. It's known that Minnesota has underserved communities in the state like many others, that face a wide range of challenges from economic hardship, violence, and educational gaps. Organizations that are specifically designed to meet the needs of these communities can play a critical role in helping to address these challenges and improve the overall quality of life for those who live in them. On that day, I did not see hardship, turmoil, violence, or challenges. On that day of my visit, I witnessed the light and heart of the future of STEM. I now consider it my second home.

In recent years, robotics has become an increasingly important field that has revolutionized numerous industries. Investing in robotics can have a significant impact on businesses by increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and improving product quality. What about the community, culture, diaspora, and involvement of public school systems, exposure, and mending broken bridges many cities can face? Who is willing to step foot in the harshest areas and transform the people into assets for Minnesota? This is why I express my strong support for the Minnesota STEM Partnership, an organization that has been instrumental in promoting and advancing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in Minnesota. They have been doing that for five years and counting. They deserve this Bill.

As you are aware, STEM education plays a vital role in preparing our students for the challenges of the 21st century. It equips them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and tools to succeed in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. Through its various initiatives, the Minnesota STEM Partnership has been at the forefront of this effort, promoting STEM education and bridging the gap between education and industry.

One of the main advantages of investing in robotics is the increased efficiency that it can provide. Robots are capable of performing repetitive tasks much faster and more accurately than humans, which can lead to increased productivity and output. This can help businesses to meet demand while reducing the need for manual labor, which can be costly and time-consuming.

Another advantage of investing in robotics is the ability to reduce costs. While the initial investment in robotics technology can be significant, the long-term benefits can be substantial. One of the key strengths of the Minnesota STEM Partnership is its ability to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including educators, industry leaders, policymakers, and community members. By creating a collaborative and inclusive environment, the organization has been able to leverage the collective expertise and resources of these stakeholders to achieve its goals. Now it is time for Legislation to support the initiatives and leverage the power that MSP holds for the entire state and nation.

Finally, investing in MSP Robotics can lead to improved product quality being known in the state of Minnesota. They are literally building up engineers, operations, and confidence in the students. What families are the most loyal and biggest consumers for the economy of the state? Those of the underserved communities. What students perform the best with record scores and performance? Those that are in underserved communities given a chance and attention from great mentors. Thanks to the Minnesota STEM Partnership, there has been a significant impact for these communities and this investment will continue to resolve the crime rates, promote higher state test scores, and bring more dwellers to Minnesota. The children are the future, and robots, along with all things technology are their best friends. Robots are capable of performing tasks with a high degree of precision and accuracy, which can lead to fewer errors and defects in the final product. This can help businesses to produce higher quality products that meet customer expectations and improve brand reputation. The path that MSP has created significantly impacts Minnesota businesses by increasing efficiency, and reducing costs, all while launching careers for the entire state. As the field of robotics continues to evolve, selecting the Minnesota STEM Partnership will better position Minnesota to compete and succeed in the future of AI, advancement, and all things technical.

By providing all of the much-needed support for those who are struggling, this organization helps to build stronger, more resilient communities. With Legislation agreeing to grant this award for the well-being of all members of our society, we can create a brighter future for everyone who calls Minnesota home.

I urge you to consider the importance of what started through the Minnesota STEM Partnership in underserved communities in Minnesota and to support their continued growth and development. I've visited numerous states and countries. There needs to be a state in this nation that is ready to be the next technological growth and self-sustaining engine of prosperous members. Give others a reason to also call Minnesota their home too. Thank you for your time and attention to this important cause.

Sincerely,

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