



March 7, 2023

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair, House Education Finance Committee & Members of the House Education Finance Committee
Senator Mary Kunesch, Chair, Senate Education Finance Committee & Members of the Senate Education Finance Committee

RE: HF 2042 / SF 2058 - SUPPORT

Respective Chairs & Members,

Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Career Pathways programs in Minnesota include students engaged in agriculture, health sciences, business & marketing, family & consumer sciences, construction, manufacturing, transportation, work-based learning/youth apprenticeship, communications technology, law enforcement, cosmetology, and a variety of other careers areas.

On behalf of the boards of the Minnesota Association for Career & Technical Administrators (MACTA); a statewide association of professional educators that administer CTE programs across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Association of Career and Technical Education (MnACTE); a statewide organization of CTE teachers and other CTE professionals, we write to you in full support of HF 2042 / SF 2058 – career and technical education consortium grant funding.

Secondary career and technical programs are the root lifeblood of Minnesota's economy, and the ability to expand and grow these programs is absolutely integral to a strong healthy Minnesota economy and labor force into the future. The expansion of HF2042/SF2058 from the original Rural CTE Consortium grants is an incredible opportunity for statewide, systematic, student-centered approach to career and technical that has already reaped massive benefits for districts, teachers, and most importantly students. The ability for all nine service cooperatives and the inclusion of intermediate districts is a logical expansion and allows for an ever bigger student impact over time. MACTA and MnACTE fully support this legislation and urge the committees to include in their respective omnibus bills.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at thaugen@lcsc.org.

Sincerely,

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Troy M. Haugen
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Brent Olinger
President
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