

February 6, 2023

Chair Liebling and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Nikole T. Logan, owner of People of Victory LLC based in St. Paul. I am writing in support of HF 639, the Community Solutions Fund Grant Program.

People of Victory LLC is in support HF 639 because we strongly believe communities both envision their future, and also embody the innovation necessary to birth solutions to their current experiences. The Community Solutions Fund is a strategy that addresses inequality in a way that honors the assets and resources within communities. HF 639 affords communities the opportunity to enact culturally specific methods reflective of their constituents in ways they know are innovative and impactful.

The Community Solutions Fund Grant Program represents more than financial investment; it also recognizes that communities of color and Indigenous communities poses experiential knowledge about their own communities and should be active participants in the creation of solutions for themselves. People of Victory LLC strongly encourages you to support HF 639. The collective health and prosperity of our state is ultimately tied to ensuring every child, their family, and community have what they need to thrive. The approaches the Community Solutions Fund proposes can offer culturally specific solutions.

In Partnership,

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