

Dear Chair Xiong and Members of the House Workforce Development Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the entire team at Pillsbury United Communities, we want to thank you for including the appropriation for our Career Pathways program (HF2085) in HF2233, your omnibus bill.

Thanks to your support, we are one step closer to continuing our work to place and support some of Minnesota's most vulnerable high school graduates in accredited institutions to earn industry certificates in some of Minnesota's highest demand, high potential jobs, improving both their families' and the state's economic outlook in the process. We're grateful you see the power of investing in a program like ours, which provides the comprehensive, holistic social and academic supports our students need to be successful.

Thank you for all your work this session; we're inspired by your vision and energized to be part of it.

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