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March 22, 2023

Chair Liebling  
House Health Finance and Policy Committee  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN. 55133

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the revisions to HF 2505.

I have worked with youth experiencing homelessness and those who have been victims of sex trafficking for over 20 years and am currently the CEO of a youth and adult led nonprofit, The Link. The Link is a nonprofit based in north Minneapolis that provides a continuum of services, street outreach, emergency shelter and housing for youth and young families who are experiencing homelessness, have been victims of sex trafficking and/or who are involved in the juvenile justice or foster care system.

As an organization that works with victims of sex trafficking we strongly support for labor trafficking victims as well. Labor trafficking is a serious issue in our state and one that far too often goes unseen and the victims are not able to receive the support and justice that they deserve.

The funding appropriation provided by HF 2505 would provide an opportunity to create opportunities for labor trafficking victims in our state to receive the supportive services to help them get out of labor trafficking, heal and empower them to accomplish the goals that they have for themselves.

Thank you for your consideration and support. If you have any questions I can be reached at [bholger@thelinkmn.org](mailto:bholger@thelinkmn.org) or 612-636-4260.

Sincerely,

Beth Holger, CEO

