



RE: Support for HF3004 – Youth Workforce Digital Platform

February 24, 2026

Dear Co-Chair Pinto and Co-Chair Baker,

We are writing in support of HF3004, which provides funding to establish a centralized digital platform to provide youth with information about internships, mentoring, and job opportunities across Minnesota.

The United 4 Youth campaign was established by families across the state that identified youth issues and access to youth programming as a top concern and aspiration, including opportunities for older youth. Last year, we worked with lawmakers to pass a youth programming statewide needs assessment. The report will be available to the Legislature by July 1, 2026.

Through listening sessions in recent years, we have heard families share their frustration about the lack of youth programming options, and that it is hard to know where to look to find programs and opportunities. The need is especially high for activities beyond sports and for opportunities for youth over 14 years old.

A centralized database where youth can find information about internships, mentoring, and job opportunities would open doors for many families and help meet a longstanding need.

We urge you to support HF3004.

Sincerely,

Brian Fullman and Abdulahi Farah

United 4 Youth