



RE: **HF 687 Inclusive Higher Education**  
ATTN: Minnesota Higher Education Finance and Policy Conference Committee  
Date: May 2, 2023

Honorable Chair Fateh, Chair Pelowski, and Conferees,

The Minnesota Council on Disability would like to express our deep appreciation for your work this legislative session to prioritize people with disabilities in higher education. We commend your efforts to improve access to inclusive higher education opportunities for Minnesotans with disabilities.

We are particularly grateful for your support of HF 687, the Inclusive Higher Education Act. This critical legislation will provide people with disabilities with a much-needed increase in access and opportunity for higher education, which in turn will provide people with positive outcomes such as higher degrees of independence, employment, and wages.

We believe that all Minnesotans, regardless of ability, should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and fulfilling careers through higher education. By supporting inclusive higher education programs, you are helping to make this vision a reality for Minnesotans with disabilities. Expanding inclusive higher education is an essential and meaningful part of building an inclusive Minnesota.

We urge you to ensure that the full Inclusive Higher Education Act is included in the final higher education omnibus bill. We believe that this legislation will have a transformative impact on the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities and their families, and we are excited to see the positive changes that will result from its passage.

Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to improving the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities. We look forward to continuing to work with you to create a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Trevor Turner'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Trevor Turner  
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