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The Honorable Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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Dear Governor Walz,

We write to respectfully urge you to use your appointment authority to name Dylan Young, Kowsar Mohamed, Ellen Luger, and Flora Yang to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

As you know, the legislature did not appoint new regents during the 2025 regular session. In light of this, we believe it is crucial that you act now to ensure that the University receives the leadership it needs at this critical time.

As the DFL chairs of the higher education committees, we are in support of the slate of Dylan Young, Kowsar Mohamed, Ellen Luger, and Flora Yang because they represent a high caliber of leadership and commitment to public higher education. Each has professional experience that reflects the core public service mission of the University. This slate embodies the core values of the DFL—equity, opportunity, academic excellence, and public accountability.

The University of Minnesota is an engine of our state's success. It requires regents who understand the urgency of protecting academic integrity, ensuring access for all students, supporting world-class research, and holding the institution accountable to the people of Minnesota. This slate is dedicated to the mission of the University and they have demonstrated their readiness to advance policies that reflect these principles and help guide the University into a strong and inclusive future.

Thank you for your commitment to higher education and to the future of our University. I hope you will give strong consideration to appointing Candidates Young, Mohamed, Luger, and Yang to the Board of Regents.

Sincerely,



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