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Senator Eric Pratt
Chair, Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3219
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: S.F. 4091 - Supplemental appropriations for the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Bureau of Mediation Services

Chair Pratt and Members of the Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Medical Alley Association's close to 700 members, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.F. 4091. Medical Alley Association is pleased to support a number of provisions in this bill and thanks the committee for hearing it today.

Founded in 1984, the Medical Alley Association (MAA) is the connector for the most diverse and influential healthcare community in the world. Our mission is to elevate the Medical Alley region as The Global Epicenter of Health Innovation and Care. With representation from every sector of healthcare, and a Board of Directors comprised of leaders from across the healthcare ecosystem, the Medical Alley Association represents the leaders and companies who are committed to envisioning the new patient experience, building economic models for value-based care, and redefining the medical supply chain, ultimately transforming the future of healthcare.

One of our Association's main policy pillars focuses on the importance of talent attraction and retention. Minnesota must continue to prioritize attracting talent and better preparing its existing workforce to impact the future of healthcare. Minnesota needs a consistent supply of top tier talent to uphold its healthcare leadership position. Another one of our key policy pillars is maintaining an innovative ecosystem. Minnesota must continue to foster a business-friendly environment for innovators. This requires a continued commitment to supporting entrepreneurs and incubators and ensuring that the state has the resources necessary to capture and retain the growth of organizations that drive our innovation economy.

This bill contains important provisions that will prepare our existing and future workforce as well as keep Minnesota competitive. We support the funding for LaunchMN, an important program that helps startups here thrive. We also support the inclusion of business acceleration grants. These provisions will help bolster Minnesota's already strong startup ecosystem and will hopefully attract additional investment to our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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