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Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Updates to the K-12 Education Tax Credit in Your Supplemental Budget

Cc: Sen. Carla Nelson, Chair, Senate Tax Committee
Rep. Paul Marquart, Chair, House Tax Committee

Dear Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan,

Thank you for including much-needed and long-overdue updates to the K-12 Education Tax Credit in your supplemental budget.

It has now been 25 years since the income limit for the maximum credit was last changed in 1997. That's why I was thrilled to see you propose increasing the income limit to \$70,000 in your supplemental budget, which would benefit 38,600 Minnesota families.

The K-12 Education Tax Credit helps families pay for afterschool and summer programs along with computers for school.

Faribault, Northfield and Rice County as a whole values this opportunity. We have so many families that are able to access expensive programming that enriches student's lives at an affordable cost.

I strongly urge you to continue advocating for and prioritizing this proposal as budget negotiations progress over the course the legislative session while working with the bipartisan group of House and Senate members who have introduced their own proposals to update this tax credit.

I've personally seen the impact this tax credit can have on low-income students throughout our great state. I believe in making these timely updates so more families and students can benefit from this important tool.

Sincerely,

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