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Senate Higher Education Committee:

It is my pleasure to submit a letter of support for confirmation of Commissioner Dennis Olson of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Commissioner Olson has been a vital partner for Minnesota State and the other higher education institutions in the state. He understands the students Minnesota State serves and the importance of our 33 colleges and universities in the communities they reside in. Commissioner Olson is driven by his passion to provide and increase access to higher education to ALL Minnesotans.

We appreciated Commissioner Olson's leadership and advocacy as Minnesota State navigated the pandemic and how to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff while remaining focused on supporting our students as they pursued their educational goals.

Minnesota State looks forward to continuing to deepen and enhancing our work with Commissioner Olson and the Office of Higher Education.

Sincerely,

Devinder Malhotra
Chancellor

