



March 29, 2023

Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair
MN Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Dear Chair Champion:

EMERGE Community Development is thrilled to be included in your omnibus workforce bill for \$1M for workforce services. This funding will be used to increase the number of participants we serve, enabling us to train, coach and support 400 new individuals.

As your committee heard in the testimony of two EMERGE leaders and lifelong Northsiders, Terra Mayfield and Larcell Mack, we are deeply rooted in the communities and places we serve, and we see our organization as a vehicle for creating new opportunities for people who need and deserve inclusion the most. This support will make an enormous difference in our work.

As always, we invite you to visit our Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center, our Second Chance mattress recycling enterprise and reentry programs in NE, and our EMERGE Career and Tech Center in North Minneapolis. We are very proud of the work we do with the support of the state, and look forward to helping meet the workforce needs of the people and employers of Minnesota.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and extraordinary efforts over these many years and especially in this legislative year. We are honored and humbled to be included in the committee's bill.

Please let us know if there is anything further that would be useful information about our programming and the work ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Wynne", written in a cursive style.

Mike Wynne
President & CEO