



March 29, 2023

Chair Champion, Vice-Chair Mohamed, Ranking Member Draheim, and members of the Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee;

We write today to thank you for your efforts and dedication to putting together a jobs equity bill that puts our most underserved communities at the center. Your investments in this bill demonstrate the committee's strong commitment to supporting everyone in Minnesota's workforce and those that employ them.

We want to especially thank you for the inclusion of the appropriation for Twin Cities R!SE, in Article 1, Section 2, beginning on lines 38.3 through 38.15. We've enjoyed a very successful and lengthy partnership with the state of Minnesota through the pay-for-performance grant program, and are excited to be able to continue that work. With this important investment, Twin Cities R!SE can provide training to 60 individuals facing multiple barriers to employment, provide mentorship, internship opportunities, job search assistance, work skills training, fostering self-confidence and self-reliance. Additionally, the grant for the expansion of the Empowerment Institute and curricula will enable Twin Cities R!SE to bring our powerful teachings to youth under 18, meeting them where they are, and uplifting them to step into their power and build lasting life skills. This expansion also allows Twin Cities R!SE to partner with employers in Greater Minnesota to not only train employees, but to empower managers and leaders within the company to foster an environment that leads to worker retention, increased diversity and inclusion, and employee satisfaction.

Thank you again for the committee's support of Twin Cities R!SE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Corrie".

Emma Corrie, CEO