



January 24, 2023

Dear Majority Leader Dziejic and Chair McEwen,

We write today on behalf of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters in support of Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach to lead the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. We urge your support for her confirmation.

Commissioner Blissenbach has an impressive resume for this job. She has worked for the department for the last four years and she has been at the forefront of improving the way in which the department does its wage and hour work, OSHA compliance and safety work, supported apprenticeship programs, and worked on workers compensation. Her understanding of these issues and her leadership abilities position her to be a successful commissioner of an important state agency.

In addition to her strong credentials for the position, we have found the commissioner to be accessible and responsive to workers and industry when it comes to our concerns. Whether we approached her and her office about wage and hour issues, OSHA, promoting our apprenticeship programs, and efforts to strengthen our outreach to recruit women, veterans, and workers of color.

We applaud her commitment to these issues and our organization strongly supports Commissioner Blissenbach to be confirmed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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