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Members of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Dear Members of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee,

As President of Mobilize Design & Architecture, I am writing to express my firm endorsement for the Culinary Workforce Development Bill (S.F. 5181) and the critical funding it proposes for the Healthy Roots Institute (HRI). This initiative is indispensable for advancing HRI's impactful endeavors in our community, including its esteemed VoCul program.

Our connection to the Healthy Roots Institute and the VoCul culinary program runs deep. Mobilize Design & Architecture has long been committed to designing and constructing developments that not only enrich urban landscapes but also foster community well-being and economic vitality. We recognize the indispensable role that programs like VoCul play in ensuring that our communities are vibrant and thriving. By equipping individuals with essential culinary skills and empowering them to pursue meaningful careers in the culinary industry, programs like VoCul not only uplift individuals but also enhance the fabric of our society.

The Culinary Workforce Development Bill represents a crucial investment in our community's future. It not only holds the promise of providing individuals with the tools they need to succeed but also of fostering economic resilience and social cohesion within our community. As architects and designers, we understand firsthand the integral role that initiatives like this play in shaping the communities in which we work and live. By supporting the Culinary Workforce Development Bill, we are not only investing in the future of our workforce but also in the future of our communities.

I urge you to lend your support to this vital initiative. Together, we can ensure that the Healthy Roots Institute continues to make a positive impact on the lives of many and on the culinary landscape of our state.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further and to working together to build a brighter future for our community.

Sincerely,

Jamil Ford Sr. - President
Mobilize Design & Architecture

Sincerely yours, Jamil Ford | President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamil Ford", is positioned below the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

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