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Dear Members of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee,

As owner] with Marla's Caribbean Cuisine, I am writing to express my strong support for the Culinary Workforce Development Bill (S.F. 5181), which seeks crucial funding for the Healthy Roots Institute (HRI). This initiative is pivotal for the continuation and expansion of HRI's impactful work in our community, including the esteemed VoCul program.

The significance of this initiative cannot be overstated. It promises not only to enrich individuals with vital skills for the culinary industry but also to sow seeds of economic resilience and social cohesion within our community.

- I have been involved with HR Vocul as a Chef and Proctor for a few years now. It is of urgent importance that this bill is passed. HR/Vocul has helped many to achieve education on foods, knowing how to source local foods and how to prepare these foods.. Those who take part in these programs are able to provide healthier foods for their families and also to enhance their abilities to financial freedom.

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I strongly urge your support for this initiative, confident in its capacity to make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of many and the culinary landscape of our state.

Thank you for considering this support. Together, we can contribute to a vibrant future for our community, marked by prosperity, inclusivity, and culinary excellence.

Sincerely,

Marla Jadoonanan