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Greetings, Senator Champion & Jobs and Economic Development Committee Members,

I am Ms. Jeweleen Jackson, and I cannot emphatically state, how necessary this entity is as a jewel in the community and the growth and development to aspiring folks for the food industry.

It gives me great pleasure to communicate my heartfelt desire for your support in this much needed community entity. I am a Tenured Elder Community Servant currently working tirelessly toward the subsequent eradication of homelessness, while assisting my daughter, Thandisizwe Jackson-Nisan's building of Vegan By Nature (VBN), as a Founding Director. Vegan By Nature's missions is a wellness driven organization with the goal of providing Plant based education, resources, Vegan Culinary experiences and Vegan advocacy to those in need with an emphasis on healing. VBN also is a strategy for offsetting homelessness.

We're both VoCul Culinary Training Graduates, as our first and only formal culinary training. Needless to say, the critical skills and knowledge that we acquired through Chef Lachelle's vision, were only a reality because of the Healthy Roots Institute. Chef's initiative eliminated all of the possible obstacles that could have prevented us from succeeding in this program and we will be forever in her debt!!, and it gave me an added appreciation for persons in the kitchen.

You MUST avail all necessary resources for the continuation and expansion of this community asset, as its significance cannot be overstated. I have no doubt that it will keep producing productive citizens like me and Thandisizwe for the culinary arena, while sowing seeds of resilience and social cohesion for the Great State of Minnesota!!

Again, I urge you to implement the right action by signing Culinary Workforce Bill S.F. 5181 totally, which is seeking crucial funding for The Healthy Roots Institute.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your time and energy in the consideration of my support letter toward the manifestation of adding to the solidifying of this institution.

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2022 VoCul Graduate