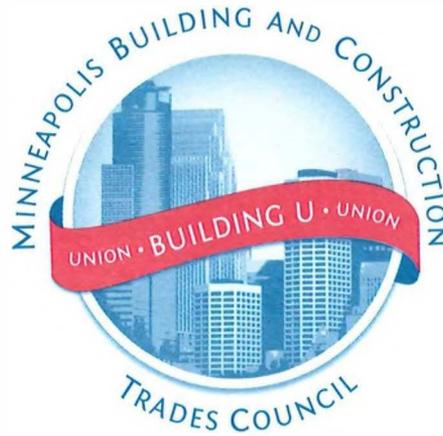United Labor Centre
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Senator Jen McEwen
Chair, Senate Labor

Dear Chair McEwen,

On behalf of the union construction professionals in the city of Minneapolis and west Metro, I write to express our support of the Rise Up Center (SF4125).

The Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council and our affiliate unions represent unionized workers across all crafts within the field of construction and support the work that is planned inside the Rise Up Center, a 21st century regional training hub. We have partnered on pre-apprenticeship training with two of the organizations working on the Rise Up Center and think that the training planned for the center will provide a great pathway for workers of color to obtain careers in the construction and renewable energy industries.

This project is a great collaboration between unions and grassroots organizations that are deeply rooted in communities of color in Minneapolis and whose work has impacts across the state. We are excited about new opportunities for prosperity and the stronger workforce that the Rise Up Center will create and look forward to helping make this project successful in opening pathways into our union apprenticeship program.

Please fund this project and the future

Sincerely,

Dan McConnell
Business Manager