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The Honorable John Marty
95 University Avenue W
Minnesota Senate Building. Room 3235
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to express my strong support for SF 1832. This bill is crucial for the continued success of our workforce development programs at the International Institute of Minnesota and it holds significant implications for the economic and social well-being of our state.

SF 1832 is essential for supporting programs that connect lower-skilled job seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in high-growth sectors, fostering economic growth and stability. Our direct appropriation request is again for our Medical Careers Pathway, which includes nursing assistant training, college preparation, and Medical Career Advancement. Over the last two decades, this pathway has employed 3,495 graduates. Nursing Assistant graduates are employed earning an average of \$20.78/hour, while Medical Career Advancement graduates, most of them now 2-year or 4-year RNs, make \$41-48/hour.

This bill will help build the healthcare labor force, which is in dire need of skilled caregivers. By supporting our Medical Careers Pathway, SF 1832 will contribute to addressing the shortage of healthcare professionals and ensure that Minnesotans receive the quality care they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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