

Dear Minnesota Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee Members:

As an educator who has worked with students from challenging backgrounds for more than 40 years, I strongly endorse SF 2792. This is a "win-win-win" bill. It simultaneously helps young people who are more comfortable with hands on-active learning develop marketable skills, helps add to the supply of affordable housing, and helps prepare young people for the construction field - an area that urgently needs more young workers. I think this bill is an excellent idea.

We offered a YouthBuild Program many years ago through our Area Learning Center that benefited the students and their community. Those skills and the commitment to community that came about was remarkable to see. I believe it made a huge difference in helping to keep students in school.

Thank you to Senator Mohamed for serving as chief author and to Chair Porter for asking the committee to consider this bill. I urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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