



April 7, 2025

Dear Chair Champion and Members of the Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB), we thank you for the ongoing investments in workforce development in SF1832. SF1832 investments in Pathways to Prosperity, Rural Career Counseling, and more would make a crucial investment in developing Minnesota's workforce and supporting jobseekers and employers across the state.

We thank you, too, for protecting the base funding for the Minnesota Youth Program. We appreciated the opportunity and time to present our bill to sustain increased funding for the Minnesota Youth Program to the Committee. As a core program that provides services to youth across the state, funding levels this biennium made it possible for local boards to serve nearly double the number of youth. Local boards are ready to continue this work to meet the needs of youth in every part of the state. We hope that the Committee might consider including the additional \$4.511 million a year from the Workforce Development Fund from last biennium in ongoing conversations.

As the state's partners in delivering employment and training services to address the needs of Minnesota's jobseekers and employers, we thank you again for the important investments made in SF1832.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cate Duin", is positioned above the typed name.

Cate Duin, Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards