



April 7, 2025

Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1100

RE: Letter of Support for Twin Cities R!SE Appropriation

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

We at Twin Cities R!SE would like to write in support of the SF1892 Delete Everything Amendment, particularly supporting Article 1, Section 2(cc) on lines 21.15-21.21. This \$700,000 Pay for Performance appropriation in each of the next two years will be life-changing for our R!SERS.

As you know, Twin Cities R!SE pioneered the Pay for Performance model and legislation in 1997 and have been successfully using this results-driven approach ever since. We only get paid when we place a R!SER and when they stay in the job for a year. Our performance metrics show that we have a one-year on-the-job retention rate of 76 percent, far exceeding the national average of 53 percent for similar programs. Our R!SERS leave our program earning three times their pre-program income—an average increase of nearly \$30,000 per year. We invest in employer partnerships and have a proven model with longstanding success. We have consistently demonstrated a strong Return on Investment over the past 32 years.

We can have so much success due to the variety of partnerships we have with local job creators, ensuring that our program matches needs and the job skills that current employers need. Our program prides itself on being innovative in delivering our services, and we would not be able to show our level of success without the support of the legislature.

As you continue in the legislative session, we encourage each of you to continue to support Pay for Performance grants for Twin Cities R!SE, so we can continue to invest in Minnesota's workforce.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
Twin Cities R!SE