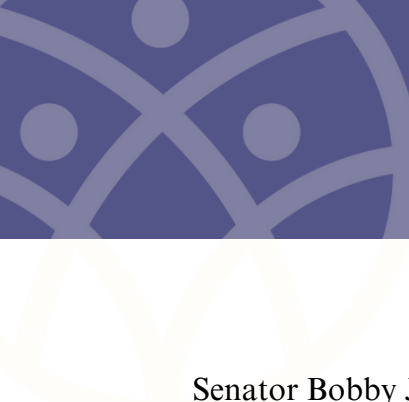




# Coalition of Asian American Leaders

Senator Bobby Joe Champion  
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Minnesota Senate Building Room 3401  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Champion and Members of the Committee,

Thank you so much for including the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) in the Senate Jobs bill. We are incredibly thankful for your support for \$1,000,000 to ensure CAAL can continue helping Asian Minnesotan women entrepreneurs and Asian-American owned small businesses get the training and targeted investments they need to grow and thrive.

This investment will ensure CAAL is able to scale its high-demand program launched last year to provide cohorts of approximately 30 small business owners training, technical assistance, and microgrants. As Asian Minnesotan entrepreneurs navigate language barriers, financial institutions, state and local regulations, and an uncertain economic environment, this investment makes a significant impact for small businesses, families, and local economies.

Thank you again for including CAAL in the Senate Jobs bill.

Sincerely,

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