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ACADEMY OIC

April 7, 2025

Via E-Mail Delivery

Senator Champion, President of the Senate
Chair, Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee
3401 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Champion:

On behalf of Summit Academy OIC, thank you for your continued support of the organization by including an appropriation in the Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee omnibus.

As you know, Summit Academy is engaged and working with employer partners to provide a 20-week training program for students in high demand fields including construction, electrician, health care, financial services, and in Information Technology (IT). Summit Academy currently has a waiting list for the electrician program through October 2025.

In addition, Summit Academy is working with employer partners in the development of a Dental Assistant Training Program. Our current partners in this development including the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, Park Dental, Aspen, and Heartland. The launch of this program is scheduled in the Fall 2025.

State funding for Summit Academy will allow the organization to accomplish its goal of doubling enrollment before the end of the decade. The state funding will also ensure we can eliminate wait lists for high demand fields in the electrician program and continue our important work in providing contextual GED programming for adult learners.

Please feel free to contact me at lwest@saoic.org or 651-206-9297 (mobile) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leroy West
President

C: Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee Members