



April 7, 2025

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
95 University Avenue W
Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3401
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Chairman;

I am writing to thank you so much for your support of our Medical Careers Pathway funding request by including it in the Senate Omnibus Jobs and Economic Development Committee Bill. I also wanted to express my sincere gratitude for the work you have done and continue to do on our behalf to invest in the healthcare labor force and New Americans in our community.

The direct appropriation request is again for our Medical Careers Pathway, which includes nursing assistant training, college preparation and Medical Career Advancement, and has employed 3,495 graduates over the last two decades. Nursing Assistant graduates are employed earning an average of \$20.78/hour while Medical Career Advancement graduates, most of them now 2-year or 4-year RNs, make \$41-\$48/hour.

The first appropriation allowed us to increase the number of clients served in this pathway by 25%, with a projected goal to serve 350 individuals (200 enrolled in nursing assistant training and 150 in Medical Career Advancement). To date, we have enrolled 305 individuals and will meet our target by the end of this grant cycle. We are also on track to produce 160 industry-recognized credentials and to employ 120 individuals.

I again wish to express my deep gratitude for your support which has a direct and lasting impact on the healthcare workers in our state. I look forward to our continued partnership on this issue. Please reach out to me if there is any other information I can provide.

Sincerely,

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