

To: Minnesota Legislature

Date: March 14, 2025

This is in support of Minnesota Business Filing Fraud Prevention Act (SF 1734)

My history with Fraudulent Filing by a person with no association with my company, Unlimited Horizons Inc. commenced with a notice of the filing from the MN Secretary of State on March 28, 2023.

We were notified that an individual had filed a new registered agent for the company. This person had charged the filing cost with a charge card.

In my attempts to correct this, I was told by the State Department of MN that I would have to pay for a filing fee to correct the records for my company due to regulations set by the MN Legislature.

I notified the Attorney General's office but as there had not been any monetary fraud at that time, they were not interested in pursuing the fraud.

I also filed a notice with the IRS to avoid any filings regarding the ERC credits or taxes.

I did pay the fee for another filing to correct the problem.

I checked on this later in 2023 and found my company was not in good standing as the charge card used in the fraudulent filing was stolen and denied. In order to close the company to avoid these problems, I had to also pay the fee for the stolen charge card.

It seems that the State of Minnesota is not interested in assisting companies that are victims of fraud until I heard of this proposed legislation. Hopefully the MN Legislature will pass this bill so this type of fraud will not plague reputable businesses in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Tom Baker