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Chair McEwen,

On behalf of the Minnesota International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) State Council representing over 15,000 union members in the electrical industry and the Minnesota Contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association representing over 120 electrical contractors, we are submitting this joint letter in support of the electrical inspection fee increases proposed by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

Since the Construction Code and Licensing Division (CCLD) operates on a fee for service basis, fees charged for these services must align with the department's costs. With these fees not being adjusted in nearly 20 years the electrical inspections unit is operating at a deficit. A growing number of construction projects, inflationary and other cost increases are contributing to this deficit.

If this deficit is not addressed, it will decrease the quality of service the department is able to provide primarily leading to increased wait times for inspections. This will delay our industry's ability to build on reasonable timelines harming contractors, workers, building owners and consumers alike. Also, it is incredibly important for public safety that the CCLD electrical inspections unit has the capacity to inspect electrical systems to a high standard ensuring correct installation. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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