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Chair McEwen,

On behalf of the Minnesota Pipe Trades Association representing over 9,000 union members in the piping industry and the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association representing 130 mechanical contractors, we are submitting this joint letter in support of the plumbing plan review and plumbing 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 plumbing plan review and inspection units are 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 lead to a decrease in the quality of service the department is able to provide primarily leading to increased wait times for inspections and plan reviews. This will delay our industry's ability to build on reasonable timelines, harming contractors, workers, and consumers alike. Also, it is imperative for the health of the public and the protection of the potable water supply that the CCLD plumbing units have the capacity to review and inspect plumbing systems to a high standard ensuring correct installation. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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