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Senator Jennifer A. McEwen
Chair, Labor Committee
Minnesota Senate
3217 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Elevator inspection fee changes included in SF2373

Chair McEwen and Members of the Senate Labor Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC) Local 9 in support of the Minnesota Department of Labor's (DLI) proposed increase to the annual elevator operating permit and inspection fee included within SF2373.

The IUEC Local 9 is a trade union representing more than 550 members who construct, modernize, repair, and service elevators, escalators, moving walkways, and other conveyances across Minnesota, North Dakota, and Western Wisconsin.

Our members are proud to exceed the state's rigorous training, work experience, and licensing examination requirements to earn their elevator constructor license, and we work every day in our communities to ensure all elevator equipment in Minnesota meets the highest standards of safety and reliability. In support of this mission, DLI's timely inspections of all newly installed and altered elevators, as well as periodic safety inspections of the state's more than 24,000 existing elevators, is critical to keeping the state's elevators safe and dependable.

The current elevator operating permit fee was set in statute in 2007 to fund these safety inspections and the enforcement of the state's elevator code. After nearly 20 years and an ever-growing number of elevators requiring inspection, IUEC Local 9 is supportive of DLI's proposal to increase to the annual elevator operating permit fee from \$100 to \$145 in order to support additional FTE elevator inspectors.

Thank you for supporting our union and our mission to make sure Minnesota's elevators are constructed and maintained to the highest standards.

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