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Chair Bobby Joe Champion Jobs and Economic Development Committee Minnesota State Senate MN Senate Building, Room 3401 Saint Paul, MN 55155 Chair Hodan Hassan Economic Development Committee Minnesota House of Representatives 597 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Champion, Chair Hassan, and Conference Committee Members,

Thank you for your ongoing leadership for and endorsement of SF 984 and HF 1025, to support and expand the Bridges to Healthcare program in Southeastern Minnesota! The language was previously included in Chair Champion and Chair Xiong's workforce development proposals, and we would appreciate your inclusion of the language in the final conference committee report.

I applaud your commitment in seeing Minnesota stay ahead in leveraging innovative local community workforce development programs to develop the diverse talent we need in the health care sector.

While Mayo Clinic and other community partners help provide additional funds and in-kind contributions, Bridges to Healthcare is only possible because of the direct appropriation by the State of Minnesota. Thank you for including the requested appropriation for this important program in your respective omnibus proposals.

On behalf of Mayo Clinic, thank you for your commitment to addressing our health care workforce needs, and ensuring we have a diverse workforce to reflect the patients we serve.

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