



February 9th, 2022

Letter of Support

Dear Chair Richardson and House Education Policy Committee Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers, I write in strong support of HF3079, which will bolster the Increase Teachers of Color Act and seek to increase the percentage of teachers of color and American Indian teachers (TOCAIT) in Minnesota.

The pathways to becoming an educator and the trajectory of Minnesota's diversifying student body have been on diverging courses and resulted in a severe lack of representation in Minnesota's educators. HF3079 will help ameliorate this disparity by giving a home in our schools to the full array of voices and lived experiences. Schools are the heart of community and we should do our utmost in supporting those pursuing their passion for education.

Sincerely,

Peter Yamashiro, Executive Director