



March 9, 2021

Representative Ron Ecklund  
409 Senate Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Ecklund:

On behalf of the 70,000 union construction trades professionals, I am writing in support HF 984. In requiring high hazard facilities to utilize apprentice-level trained workers, this bill would help to create safe work environments by ensuring that only the most highly skilled and trained workers were able to operate and maintain these facilities.

Registered apprenticeship is a formal system of employee training that combines on-the-job training with related technical instruction, which graduate employees who have the highest skill sets in the industry. In 2020, there were more than 10,000 apprentices in Minnesota's apprenticeship programs.

The Building Trades is in support of HF 984 and we support your work on an issue as important as the training of individuals who are working in high hazard facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Melander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Harry Melander  
President