April 22, 2020

Dear Minnesota Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of the 70,000 union construction professionals in Minnesota, we would like to thank you for your leadership and support for federal stabilization bills that have helped Minnesota workers, families, and communities find some relief from the devasting social, emotional and economic impacts of COVID-19.

In Minnesota, construction workers continue to build, maintain, operate and repair our critical infrastructure from energy, water, and roads, to hospitals, schools, and housing, Minnesota’s construction workers literally “keep the lights on.” We also continue to partner with our 2,100 signatory contractors to ensure the health and safety of our members while they perform these critical functions. We will continue to support and take every step necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the construction workforce and the public.

We have been working closely with Minnesota cities large and small to make sure that they have the ability to continue to maintain their infrastructure resources and provide all of the public services needed for both public and private construction work to continue in our State. We appreciate their commitment and recognize that they will need significant additional resources in the supplemental CARES Act legislation. The Minnesota Building Trades urges your support for a $29.5 billion appropriation to both cities and counties so that they can continue to provide the critical public safety, health care and infrastructure services that are crucial during this time.

Between critical federal relief dollars, a strong state bonding recovery package, and the commitment of our public and private partners, the Minnesota construction industry will be able to continue to serve Minnesota communities and businesses, help get goods to market and put Minnesotans to work.

Thank you again for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Harry Melander  
President

Craig Olson  
Secretary Treasurer

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