

Iron Range Building & Construction Trades Council

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Re: Support for Mesabi Metallica's Permit Amendments

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

As members of the Iron Range Building & Construction Trades, we write to express our strong support for Mesabi Metallica and urge your approval of its permits in Nashwauk, Minnesota.

Every day, approximately 600 Building Trades members are on site at Mesabi working to finish the project. As permits are approved and the company has the green light to be operational, the numbers of union construction workers on site will increase by the hundreds. Once operational, Building Trades members will continue to work onsite on special projects and maintenance. These workers are the backbone of our region's infrastructure, economy, and long-term prosperity.

Building Trades members on the Iron Range represent much more than just a career path—they represent stability for working families, investment in our communities and a proven pipeline of talent that lives in and supports our communities' local economies. Across the Iron Range, highly trained union tradespeople are building the future of our region with skill, safety and pride.

Because of projects like Mesabi Metallica, the Iron Range is home to thousands of Building Trades members who are employed with good construction careers, along with access to apprenticeship and training programs that prepare them with the skills to keep our workforce strong and homegrown. These jobs cannot be outsourced, and they contribute directly to the strength of our local economy. We know that with continued state support, project approvals and policies that prioritize local skilled labor, the trades will remain a driving force within our community.

We respectfully call on you to approve Mesabi Metallica's permit, ensuring continued progress, union jobs and long-term opportunity for the tradespeople who build and power our region.

Sincerely,



Jason Quiggin
President

Iron Range Building and Construction Trades