



April 14, 2026

Chairs and Members of the House Capital Investment Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to share support for HF 3806 - Howard. This bill would provide for \$200 million in housing infrastructure bonds to support affordable housing.

The state is a vital participant in appropriating funds for housing, including direct funding, incentives, and initiatives to advance affordable housing and housing appropriate for people at all stages of life. Current resources are insufficient to meet the spectrum of needs in the metropolitan region.

We understand this is an informational hearing today and encourage the committee's support for this appropriation as legislation is further considered. This is a critical source of funding for both maintaining and increasing the supply of affordable housing. Metro Cities supports the preservation and increase of these resources to sustain needed housing throughout the metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell
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