



TO: Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Eric Lucero, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Michael Howard, Representative Jim Nash, Representative Liish Kozlowski

Dear Housing Omnibus Bill Conference Committee Members,

Our statewide [Minnesota Community Action network](#) works to build community resiliency and self-sufficiency through the delivery of a broad spectrum of supports and services that assist people on their path out of poverty. Over 424,000 Minnesotans achieve greater stability each year through our homeless prevention and housing assistance, living wage job preparation, regional transit provision, Head Start and early childhood programming, financial asset building, energy bill assistance and other locally determined programs.

We want to THANK YOU for your leadership and hard work to craft a robust Housing and Homeless Prevention omnibus bill! With tight targets, you prioritized key funding to meet the needs of your constituents, many of whom seek our services. We ask that you lend strong support to the following provisions, in your final Conference Committee Report, which enables us to better serve our fellow Minnesotans:

- **\$30M for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) - House version**
- **\$2M for First Generation Homebuyers Community Down Payment Assistance Fund - Senate version**

Thank you for all you do for all of us!

Sincerely,

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