



February 1, 2023

Chair Howard and Members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee,

Metro Cities and the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC), representing cities throughout the metropolitan region, would like to express support for HF 302 (Howard), that authorizes additional Housing Infrastructure Bonds.

State funding is a major and necessary component for the provision of housing. Current resource levels are insufficient to meet the spectrum of needs in the metropolitan region and across the state.

The policies of our associations support funding for programs that assist housing development and the preservation and maintenance of existing housing stock. Increasing the Housing Infrastructure Bond allocation provides crucial support for this work that is occurring at the local level toward advancing affordable housing.

Jointly, our associations appreciate your consideration of this letter and your support for HF 302.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ania McDonnell".

Ania McDonnell  
Government Relations Specialist  
Metro Cities

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Hovland".

Jim Hovland  
Chair  
Municipal Legislative Commission