



March 19, 2023

The Honorable Dave Pinto
Chair, Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
503 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Brian Daniels
Republican Lead, Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
231 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 2845 - Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis Homeless Elders Program

Dear Chair Pinto, Lead Daniels, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid writes in full support of HF 2845, the bill to operate funding the Catholic Charities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to operate its homeless elders program. This is an important program that merits financial support from the Legislature.

Legal Aid operates several programs across the state that provide advice and representation to older adults which touch on the challenges facing low-income older Minnesotans, including homeless elders. To address health, safety, housing, and stability issues facing this population, it is necessary to support services like those Catholic Charities' Homeless Elder Program. The cost to the state is far less than the cost of society and taxpayers if this program did not exist. Thank you for allowing Legal Aid to write in support of SF 2813. We hope this funding can be included in the final Health and Human Services budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Elwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Elwood
Supervising Attorney

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