



MISSIONS INC.
PROGRAMS



Domestic Violence Services
Behavioral Health and Housing
Skilled Nursing

May 11, 2022

The Honorable Mary Kiffmeyer
Chair, Senate Committee on State Gov.

The Honorable Michael Nelson
Chair, House Committee on State Gov.

The Honorable Scott Newman
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

The Honorable Frank Hornstein
Chair, House Committee on Transportation

Dear Members of the Omnibus State Government and Transportation Conference Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share our significant concerns regarding the nonprofit oversight provisions of the Senate State Government omnibus bill. These provisions are harmful and unnecessary and we ask that you exclude them from the conference report.

Missions Inc. Programs is a nonprofit that provides shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence; supportive housing and detoxification/withdrawal management for individuals experiencing problematic substance use; and operates an all-male skilled nursing facility. Our programs are located in Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

Nonprofits like ours that receive state funding are already under significant oversight, including extensive financial and outcomes reporting. The additional reporting requirements outlined in this bill are unnecessary and will create additional barriers to small, culturally-specific, and/or BIPOC-led organizations. The salary cap will exacerbate the current workforce shortage by preventing nonprofits from recruiting and retaining top talent. The unfunded mandate to submit background checks for all board members will be a significant financial burden on nonprofits and will negatively impact efforts to diversify nonprofit board membership.

Please advocate for the exclusion of these provisions during the conference committee process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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