

March 23, 2022

Chair Hausman and Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee  
95 University Ave W.  
MN Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Subject: House File HF 4448

Dear Chair Hausman,

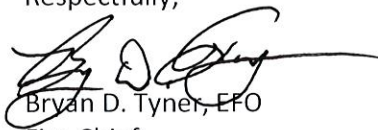
I am writing this letter to express support for Senate Bill SF 4170 Housing Finance Agency grant program for sprinkler system installation in certain residential buildings establishment and appropriation.

The City of Minneapolis is home to dozens of non-profit housing providers who own and operate residential buildings that house some of the state's most vulnerable, under-resourced, and lowest-income residents. The majority of these multi-family residential buildings are properties with urgent capital maintenance needs and must be retrofitted to include sprinkler systems. This bill provides resources to housing providers that serve these low-income households. In the last year, the City of Minneapolis has invested \$1,150,000 in fire suppression systems for Minneapolis Public Housing Authority-owned residential high rises. Still, the need for sprinklers in multi-family housing buildings across the city and state, regardless of public or private ownership, persists.

This grant program is essential in providing funding for safe housing environments for residents.

Thank you again for this opportunity to support this crucial investment.

Respectfully,



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