



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

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Re: Census enumerator access

Dear Elections Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Council on Foundations is a statewide association of grantmakers focused on ensuring Minnesota has a strong charitable sector and an inclusive democracy where everyone can be seen, counted, and heard. We are committed to strengthening democratic systems and civic participation. As part of this, we support state decisions and investments that will prepare Minnesota for a full 2030 census count.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations is excited to see census enumerator access included in the HF1723 omnibus bill. Permitting census workers access to multiunit buildings helps ensure that historically undercounted populations can be counted. Extending multiunit access to census employees allows for more communities to be represented and promotes a fuller and more inclusive count of Minnesotans into the future.

Thank you to the committee for your leadership in census priorities and for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am happy to answer any questions or provide further information.

Sincerely,
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