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TO: Chair Hausman and Members of the House Housing Committee

RE: HF 1077 – House Housing Omnibus Bill

DATE: April 6, 2021

Chair Hausman and members of the committee,

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation appreciates the opportunity to provide this written testimony on HF1077. As a proud member of the Homes for All coalition we appreciate the many investments and policy changes in the bill which align with the 2021 Homes for All agenda. We know that you and your committee recognize the huge needs across the housing continuum and feel that you have thoughtfully balanced the needs of people across that continuum. Specifically, we would like to highlight our appreciation for:

- A base funding increase for the Bridges program to provide rental assistance for people with serious mental illness during a transition period where stability is critical.
- A base funding increase for the Homework Starts with Home program to provide rental assistance and supports for families with school-aged children.
- Policy reforms to bring Minnesota more into the mainstream of practices around eviction and tenant-landlord relations.
- Funding to help more Minnesotans, especially those from BIPOC communities, achieve the dream of homeownership .
- Establishing a new program to help us keep NOAH properties affordable into the future.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to create the state we all envision, one where all Minnesotans, no matter where their located, have a safe, stable and dignified place to call home.

Thank you,

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