



Dear Chair Hausman and Members of the Committee:

MICAHA Supports

HF 398 (Her) Adding emergency repairs to lease, establishing a statewide minimum heat code
HF 399 (Her) Prohibiting hidden fees in leases and restricting improper entry into a tenant's apartment by landlord
HF 400 (Her) Termination of lease upon infirmity of tenant
HF 835 (Her) Source of Income Discrimination, Eviction expungement, pre-eviction notice

It is critical to ensure our Minnesota renters can utilize whatever source of income they have available to them to obtain rental housing. Minnesota renters must be provided the protections, under state law, to easily get emergency repairs on their unit and have a minimum heat code in their unit. Tenants must be protected from hidden fees in leases. Tenants must feel safe and secure in their rental unit. State law must prohibit improper entry into their rental unit. Tenants who need to move, due to infirmity(s), should be allowed to terminate their lease early.

MICAHA's mission is to ensure everyone, without exception, has a safe, decent, accessible home that is affordable to them.

Over half of MICAHA's Board and staff have experienced homelessness, housing instability or discrimination and over 70% of our Board and staff are from diverse communities.

MICAHA's members are actively involved in our community to address the immediate needs of people at risk of and/or experiencing homelessness and creating and maintaining affordable housing opportunities. Our primary goals are to prevent homeless and to have homes that are affordable for everyone.

Over 550,000 Minnesota Households are paying over 30% of their income for housing. Which means they are making choices between paying rent, buying food, clothing, paying unexpected bill, etc. and are constantly at risk of homelessness with the loss of income, an accident, health crisis, or an emergency. **We have the resources, this year, to ensure everyone, without exception, has a safe, decent, accessible home that is affordable to them. Do we have the will to Bring Minnesota Home NOW?**

God's peace,
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