

SHARE Coalition

Stable Housing Alliance for Recovery and Equity

March 21, 2023

Representative Michael Howard

Senator Lindsey Port

Re: Support for HF2632/SF2624

Dear Chair Howard and Chair Port:

We write to express our support for the SHARE Coalition bill, providing relief to nonprofit affordable housing providers across Minnesota through a one-time appropriation.

We represent organizations providing affordable homes, working in the affordable housing industry, or providing services to families who live in affordable homes. This bill is crucial to stabilize nonprofit providers who house Minnesotans earning the lowest incomes or with the greatest barriers to housing stability.

Passing this bill will provide security to the families earning low incomes who live in these homes. It will address shortfalls in operating costs that residents feel through fewer facility updates and reduced staff. It will keep our much-needed existing affordable housing in operation and at high quality.

The organizations who will benefit from this bill worked tirelessly to keep residents housed when stable homes were so desperately needed during the pandemic. Keeping Minnesotans housed, regardless of their ability to pay rent, was an important community service. As expenses rapidly increased and with decreased revenue, the financial burden on mission-based housing providers has grown too large. We are community-focused organizations who need community – and the State’s – support right now.

In order to fulfill the promise of the historic investment in housing we know you are fighting for this legislative session, the State of MN needs its mission-based housing providers to be stable and sustainable into the future. Without us, who will be left to serve the Minnesotans most at-risk of living unsheltered?

Thank you for your leadership to address the state's housing crisis and your efforts to assure safe, affordable homes for all Minnesotans. And thank you for your support of House file 2632 and Senate file 2624.

Signed:

- **Aeon**
- **Catholic Charities Twin Cities**
- **CommonBond Communities**
- **Project for Pride in Living**
- Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Center
- Center City Housing Corp.
- Hope Community
- Minneapolis Downtown Council
- Model Cities of St. Paul, Inc.
- Neighborhood Development Alliance
- North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Touchstone Mental Health
- Twin Cities Housing Alliance
- Urban Homeworks

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