



**Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony of support for HF 112, HF 896, HF 747**

My name is Sue Watlov Phillips, Executive Director of MICAHA- Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, President of National Coalition For The Homeless (NCH). I have worked with people experiencing homelessness for over 53 years and I experienced homelessness in the early 1970s.

Over ½ of MICAHA's Board and staff have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises. 70% of our Board of Directors and Staff are from diverse communities. We work to ensure people who have experienced homelessness, housing crises, and/or housing discrimination are at every decision making table about their lives.

Our faith calls us to be a welcoming community, to love and treat others the way we want to be treated. MICAHA members address the immediate needs of people in our community as we work together to change the structural causes of homeless, end homelessness and to realize our mission to ensure everyone, without exception, has safe, decent, accessible home that is affordable to them.

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### **MICAHA supports HF 112, HF 896, HF 747**

HF 112 (Bernardy) Manufactured home park residents provided purchase opportunity. **This bill will provide the opportunity for current residents to purchase/own the property where their units are located, self- governance, and long term stability of their housing.**

HF 896 (Bernardy) Manufactured homes affixed to property permitted to be deemed an improvement to real property. **This bill will help ensure we value manufactured homes as an asset in our housing portfolio and as improvements are made, that are affixed to the property, they are identified as an improvement to the real property.**

HF 747 (Hornstein) Housing; state's investment maximized, displacement prevented, and Housing Finance Agency-financed rental housing projects required to be affordable for at least 30 years.. **This bill will ensure our public investment, in critically needed affordable housing, will remain affordable for at least 30 years.**

God's peace,

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