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Chair Marquart and Members of the House Taxes Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Rep. Youakim's HF 724, repealing the sunset of the historic structure rehabilitation credit.

Minnesota Realtors® was founded in 1919 and is a statewide business trade association with a membership of over 21,000 real estate professionals working with buyers and sellers of all types of property in every corner of the state.

Minnesota Realtors® supports policies that recognize the importance of both market-rate housing and housing affordability and the historic rehabilitation tax credit has certainly supported and encouraged private investment in housing over the past decade.

The University of Minnesota Extension's January 2021 report, "Economic Impact of Projects Leveraged by the Minnesota Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit: Fiscal Year 2020," identified "owner-occupied housing" and "real estate" as among the top industries impacted by the historic tax credit. The report also highlighted numerous examples of how this tax credit has supported economic development, encouraged private investment in projects statewide, and supported over 18,000 jobs.

The Historic Old Central High School and the former St. Louis County Jail building projects, which would provide additional housing opportunity in Duluth, are excellent examples of the types of projects that advance with assistance from the historic rehabilitation tax credit.

Finally, Minnesota Realtors® would like to thank Rep. Youakim, and co-authors Rep. Winkler, Rep. Dettmer, Rep. Davnie, Rep. Stephenson, and Rep. Garofalo, for bringing HF 724 forward this Session.

Sincerely,



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