



Legal Services Advocacy Project

February 24, 2024

The Honorable Michael Howard  
Chair, Housing Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
473 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Brian Johnson  
Republican Lead, Housing Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
243 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 3843 – Housing Provider Acceptance of ITINs

Dear Chair Howard, Lead Johnson and Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

Legal Aid writes in support of HF 3843, which would amend Chapter 504B – the Landlord-Tenant Law – to provide the option for a tenant to provide either a social security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) on a rental application and prohibit denial of a tenancy based solely on the provision on an ITIN.

Legal Aid provides civil legal services to low-income Minnesotans, Minnesotans with disabilities, and elder Minnesotans, statewide, to help them meet their basic needs. Legal Aid's Legal Services Advocacy Project provides legislative and administrative advocacy on behalf of our clients and all low-income Minnesotans. Housing matters are one of Legal Aid's central areas of focus

Enactment of this bill would be another building block to support two critical goals: creating a welcoming and nondiscriminatory environment for all to further a fundamental Minnesota value; and helping everyone access housing and avoid homelessness and housing instability.

Thank you for allowing Legal Aid to share its views and offer its support for HF 3843.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Elwood".

Ron Elwood  
Supervising Attorney

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