



April 22, 2020

**Re: Resources for emergency housing assistance during COVID-19 – HF 4541**

Dear Chair Hausman and Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on HF 4541. The League of Minnesota Cities supports policies, programs and funding that support housing stability.

We strongly believe that state and local governments must work together if we are to reduce barriers to housing, prevent foreclosure, reduce evictions, and ensure housing stability during these challenging times. Resources and policies that assist renters and homeowners who are facing substantial economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic are crucial and we appreciate the assistance outlined in HF 4541.

Cities continue to make unprecedented decisions to protect residents facing challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but state resources play a crucial role in this effort. HF 4541 provides much needed assistance to residents in communities across the state.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide comment on HF 4541.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Lightfoot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Lightfoot  
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