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Dear Committee members,

We, Street Voices of Change, are a group of people with lived experiences of homelessness who come together to identify issues important to us and work for change in our community. We are writing you today in support of the bill HF 732 related to changing the formula of income that goes to housing in the Housing Support program. Housing Support reform is an issue we have identified as being very important to us and that we are working on to raise awareness and create change.

Housing Support is an important program, but it needs to be changed so it is affordable for people with already limited incomes. Housing Support as the program is today keeps people in homelessness or deters people from accessing housing because too much of a person's income is taken for housing. Additionally, no renter's credit is given, and the program takes away our agency and ability to build savings to possibly purchase a car or a home of our own. The way this program is set up currently is not effective at ending homelessness.

We support this bill, HF 732, and ask that you support it also.

Sincerely,

Street Voices of Change