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Members, House Housing Committee

Dear Chair Hausman and Members,

Metro Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 1084 – Agbaje and HF 1252 – Hausman, that support Minnesota Housing’s rehabilitation program, an important state program to support existing homes.

Metro Cities supports state programs and incentives for reinvestment in older residential buildings and properties. Communities across the metropolitan region have aging residential structures that need repair and reinvestment. Reinvestment prevents neighborhoods from falling into disrepair, revitalizes communities and protects a city’s tax base.

City programs that fund residential reinvestment are oversubscribed and do not meet the need and demand of homeowners across the metropolitan region. State funding for programs such as the housing rehabilitation program as well as other state programs that help amplify local dollars and allow cities to address local housing needs are important and we encourage their funding.

We look forward to working with the committee on this legislation, and encourage the committee’s support of the bill.

Respectfully,

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