

March 15, 2023

Chair Michael Nelson
Members of the Labor and Industry Policy and Finance Committee

RE: Support of Micro Unit Dwellings (HF 1872)

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Labor and Industry Policy and Finance Committee,

The mission of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless is to generate policies, community support, and local resources for housing and services to end homelessness in Minnesota. The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless works to ensure statewide housing stability and economic security. With about 70 member organizations across Minnesota, we work to advance solutions that result in housing stability for all Minnesotans.

We urge you to act now to support the regulatory change in the building codes to allow for faith organizations across the state to be partners in the work to end homelessness. Micro unit dwellings are a creative solution to provide permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Solutions to homelessness require partners from all sectors of Minnesota, including our faith communities. For people wishing to obtain a safe, accessible, and dignified home, we need to work together to ensure that flexible options, such as faith-based micro-dwellings, are possible.

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless supports this bill to expand access to safe, accessible, dignified homes, in partnership with communities of faith, so more permanent housing options are available. Innovative and creative solutions are essential to ending homelessness. This policy change requires no additional funding from the State. Please join the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless in supporting this bill.

Sincerely,



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