



March 5, 2025

Chair Igo and Members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to support HF 1548 - Kozlowski. This bill would allow housing and redevelopment authorities to establish a local housing trust fund to dedicate public funds for housing. Local housing trust funds are an important tool and resource for housing and provide flexibility to meet diverse local housing needs.

Several cities in the metropolitan region have Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (HRAs) that play an active role in the development and redevelopment work of the city, and utilize funding from federal, state, regional, and local funding sources. Key programs carried out by city HRAs include housing rehabilitation loans, first-time homebuyer assistance, acquisition of real estate, providing housing and commercial loans and grants, and the issuance of bonds.

Cities are working to ensure the best use of new and existing tools and resources to produce new housing and preserve existing affordable housing, and this additional tool will support these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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

Ania McDonnell
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